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# ANNUAL REPORT

## READING, MASS.



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*Three Hundred and Fourth*  
**ANNUAL REPORT**



**Town of**  
**READING**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

**For the Year Ended December**

**1-9-4-8**

## Town Officers

1948

### Board of Selectmen

CHARLES E. WILKINSON, Chairman	Term expires	1949
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS, Secretary	" "	1950
KENNETH C. LATHAM	" "	1951

### Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1951
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY, Secretary	" "	1950
MILES C. HIGGINS	" "	1949
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Welfare Agent		
GLADYS M. WILSON, Social Worker		

### Bureau of Old Age Assistance

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires	1951
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	" "	1950
MILES C. HIGGINS	" "	1949
GWENDOLYN H. NEWHOUSE, Secretary to the Bureau		
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Director		
RUTH C. CORBETT, Social Worker		
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Social Worker		

### Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term expires	1950
RALPH T. HORN, Secretary	" "	1949
LEON G. BENT	" "	1951

### Town Counsel

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

### Town Clerk

GUY W. ELLISON

### Treasurer

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

### Moderator

CHARLES P. HOWARD

### Town Accountant

BOYD H. STEWART

### Town Collector

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

### Agent, Veterans' Benefits

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

### Board of Public Works

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman	Term expires	1949
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary	" "	1951
WILLIAM J. WEBB	" "	1949
JAMES E. CALVIN	" "	1950
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE	" "	1951



### Board of Health

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D., Chairman	Term expires	1949
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1951
CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D.	" "	1950

### Finance Committee

LOUIS DAVIS, Chairman	Term expires	1951
HORACE A. BAILEY	" "	1949
WILLIAM E. CONNELLY, D.M.D.	" "	1949
ERNEST E. GALLANT	" "	1949
CLARENCE M. KIMBALL	" "	1949
EMERSON A. WILLARD	" "	1949
GEORGE E. CURTIS	" "	1950
JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.	" "	1950
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1950
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.	" "	1950
CARL W. PINKHAM	" "	1950
JOHN L. GRIFFIN	" "	1951
W. GARDNER LONG	" "	1951
†LAWRENCE J. RUST	" "	1951
CHARLES STRATTON	" "	1951
BOYD H. STEWART, Clerk		

### School Committee

ALEXANDER P. GLOVER, Chairman	Term expires	1949
GLADYS F. MILTON	" "	1949
GOULD B. RUGGLES	" "	1950
MELVIN S. CROSBY	" "	1950
MERLE W. WESCOTT, D.M.D.	" "	1951
ROBERT E. TURNER	" "	1951
†ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, PhD., Secretary		
*ARTHUR B. LORD, JR., Secretary		

### School Physician

ALBERT E. MORRIS, M.D.

### Superintendent of Schools

†ELBRIDGE C. GROVER  
\*ARTHUR B. LORD, JR.

### Attendance Officer

JEAN F. RAMSAY

### School Nurse

MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

### Municipal Light Board

JOSEPH H. REED, Chairman	Term expires	1950
LOUIS ELLENWOOD	" "	1949
ALFRED H. DOLBEN	" "	1951
†Resigned		
*Appointed to fill vacancy		

#### **Board of Registrars**

WALTER A. SCANLON, Chairman	Term expires	1949
LOUIS BACIGALUPO	" "	1951
ROBERT S. RALSTON	" "	1950

#### **Board of Cemetery Trustees**

FRED L. NUTTER, Chairman	Term expires	1949
‡JAMES W. FAIRCHILD, Secretary	" "	1950
HARRY C. BARR	" "	1951
EDOUARD N. DUBE	" "	1951
DAVID E. HERSEE	" "	1950
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	" "	1949
*M. RUSSELL MEIKLE	" "	1949

#### **Planning Board**

WALTER D. BERRY, Chairman	Term expires	1949
CHARLES WILSON, Secretary	" "	1951
WINTHROP D. PARKER	" "	1949
PHILIP R. WHITE	" "	1950
GEORGE B. PEASE	" "	1950

#### **Board of Library Trustees**

WILLIAM J. TONKS, Chairman	Term expires	1951
EVE F. HENDERSON, Secretary	" "	1950
SYDNEY M. HODSON	" "	1949
C. NELSON BISHOP	" "	1949
NEIL C. ROBINSON	" "	1950
KATHERINE C. PIERCE	" "	1951

#### **Commissioners of Trust Funds**

ROBERT M. BROWN, Chairman	Term expires	1953
RALPH G. BABCOCK	" "	1951
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON	" "	1949

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen members ex-officiis

#### **Board of Appeal**

CLIFTON S. NICHOLS, Chairman	Term expires	1950
DUDLEY B. KILLAM, Secretary	" "	1951
HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY	" "	1949

#### **Associate Members Board of Appeal**

HOWARD L. ROGERS	Term expires	1951
RICHARD JACKSON	" "	1950
HOWARD T. CLINCH	" "	1949

\*Appointed to fill vacancy

‡Deceased

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

CARL M. SMITH

**Inspector of Milk and Food**

CARL M. SMITH

**Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector**

KENNETH G. SHAW

**Inspector of Animals**

GARDNER A. LESTER, D.V.M.

**Inspector of Buildings**

†GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

\*HAROLD B. CURRELL

**Game Warden**

JAMES T. PUTNAM

**Superintendent of Moth Work**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

**Dog Officer**

CHARLES H. MELENDY

**Tree Warden**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Term expires 1950

**Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors**

CHARLES E. TASNEY

**Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves**

HARRY A. TURNER

**Forest Warden**

HUGH L. EAMES

**Deputy Forest Wardens**

CHARLES H. HESELTON

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE

JOHN SPURR

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

**Constables**

LEON G. BENT

ARTHUR L. HARRIS

**Insurance Committee**

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer,  
and Chairman of the Finance Committee

**Contributory Retirement Board**

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman

BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

**Law Committee**

Consists of the Chairmen of the following Boards:

Board of Selectmen

Board of Assessors

Board of Health

Board of Public Welfare

School Committee

Board of Public Works

Municipal Light Board

†Resigned

\*Appointed to fill vacancy

**Police Department**  
THOMAS E. WALL, Chief

**Sergeants**

ARTHUR M. CURTIN

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

ROLAND E. ELLIS

**Patrolmen**

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE

JOHN R. CONDON

FRANK R. FISHER

JOHN F. BEAUDOIN

HAROLD W. O'BRIEN

WILLIAM F. FAULKNER

EARL R. HUTCHINSON

PAUL F. JUNKINS

JOSEPH M. GREENE

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

PATRICK J. PANTANO

EDWARD M. HUBBARD

GEORGE LeFAVE

**Keeper of the Lock-Up**

THOMAS E. WALL

**Fire Department**

HUGH L. EAMES, Chief

CHARLES H. HESELTON, Deputy Chief

HERBERT L. ROBERTSON, Capt.

LESLIE C. HADLEY

GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE, Lieut.

DONALD C. MITCHELL

LEWIS C. HOLDEN, Lieut.

ROBERT W. SHANNON

JAMES S. PERRY

ELMER A. DYKENS, JR.

NELSON P. O'BRIEN

GEORGE F. FOGG

CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD

**Call Men**

JOSEPH ARSENAULT

ELMER W. MOORE

GEORGE F. BAXTER

H. HARVEY QUIGLEY

FRANK X. BROWN

HERMAN L. REISSLE

RICHARD D. BROWN

GEORGE G. ROGERS

HOWARD E. BUSSELL

F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD

JOHN J. CARNEY

JOHN A. SPURR

JAMES R. GAW

WILLIAM R. VanHORN

JOHN L. GOODRIDGE

GEORGE S. ZANNI

JAMES R. MERCER, JR.

**Substitute Call Men**

HENRY O. BALLOU

DeMELLE G. GAREY

MYLES A. DENNO

CLEMENT T. GLEASON

ROBERT M. GRAHAM

**Superintendent of Fire Alarm**

HUGH L. EAMES

**Inspector of Wires**

GEORGE F. FOGG

**Measurers of Lumber**

HAROLD B. CURRELL

FRED F. SMITH

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

PERCY N. SWEETSER

HAROLD B. CURRELL

THOMAS F. BROGAN

**Weighers of Coal and Hay**

THOMAS E. BROGAN

CHARLES W. LEE

BERTHA D. MacLELLAN

MABEL L. McKAY

WENDELL B. NEWELL

PERCY N. SWEETSER

MOLLIE A. SWEETSER

D. GEORGE GAW

**Field Drivers**

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD

ADOLPH S. LARSON

EDWARD E. NICHOLS

**Fence Viewers**

WENDELL B. NEWELL

CARL B. SAWYER

WARREN F. CHARLES

**Committee on Elm Tree Protection**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

**Committee on Town Forests**

LELAND W. KINGMAN

Term expires 1949

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

" " 1950

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

" " 1951

**Veterans' Advisory Committee**

**Post War Planning Committee**

CHARLES W. H. SMITH, Chairman

IRVING C. AUSTIN

H. WILSON POWERS

W. GARDNER LONG

FRANK D. TANNER

GEORGE B. PEASE

RALPH G. BAECOCK

GERRIT OLDENBROOK, JR.

DeMELLE G. GAREY

J. HENRY CARLETON

WILLIAM A. SORENSON

**Capital Expenditures Planning Committee**

HENRY W. SHUMAKER, Chairman

LEON G. BENT

GEORGE R. BARRIS

JOSHUA T. DAY, JR.

GEORGE E. CURTIS

CHARLES WILSON

GEORGE B. PEASE



**Salvage Committee**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

HERBERT K. MILLER

CHARLES F. TREVOR

**Recreation Committee**  
NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman

WILLIAM E. BILLINGHAM, D.D.  
CARL W. PINKHAM  
HAROLD W. PUTNAM

G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS  
C. SUMNER TEEL  
ROBERT E. TURNER

**Special Police Officers**

JOHN F. MAGUIRE	Reading High School
*PERCY W. CURTIS	Reading High School
WILLIAM A. LLOYD	Lowell St. School
EDWARD W. MCBRIEN	Pearl St. School
SIMON CASTINE	Pearl St. School
ANDREW LOMAX	Junior High School
FREDERICK L. REISSLE	Junior High School
WILLIAM BROUSSARD	Highland School
*ALBERT E. CURTIS	Highland School
W. RAY YORKE	Junior High School
LEANDER SMITH	Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill Schools
GROVER C. EATON	Pumping Station
RALPH F. PLOUFF	Methodist Church
EDWARD E. HARNDEN	Center School Bldg.
CHARLES L. GOWING, JR.	Reading Theater
GEORGE A. WHITE	Town Dump
CHARLES E. LANGDON	Odd Fellows Bldg.
CARL W. PINKHAM	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
WILLIAM M. RICHARDS	First National Bank
JACOB C. NEILSON	Skating Ponds
HENRY O. BALLOU	Mun. Bldg., Library and Masonic Bldg.
GEORGE G. ROGERS	Legion House
JAMES T. PUTNAM	Pumping Sta. and Vic. Public Works Property
CHARLES H. MELENDY	
GEORGE W. HALL	
WILLIAM H. MILLER	
HUGH L. EAMES	
CHARLES E. HILTS	
HARRY A. TURNER	First Baptist Church
RALPH E. WILSON	V.F.W. Quarters
HAROLD F. DAVIS	
ELWIN M. NESMITH	
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	Town Forest
J. ROBERT CLARK	

\* Resigned

## STATISTICS

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Population, census of 1945, 12,327

Registered Voters: Precinct No. 1, 1860; Precinct No. 2, 1813; Precinct No. 3, 1696; Precinct No. 4, 2013; Total 7382.

Eighth Congressional District

Sixth Councillor District

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District

Representative in Congress, 8th District, Angler L. Goodwin, Melrose

Councillor 6th District, Victor A. Friend, Melrose

Senator 7th Middlesex District, George J. Evans, Wakefield

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Logan R. Dickie, Reading and  
Malcolm S. White, Woburn

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## LIST OF JURORS FOR 1943-1949

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Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Abbott, George W., Sales Manager	32 Mineral St.
Abbott, H. Kingman, Civil Engineer	14 Bancroft Ave.
Alger, Charles I., Salesman	144 Woburn St.
Alger, James W., Sales Promotion	144 Prospect St.
Allen, Lawrence W., Banker	58 Temple St.
Anderson, Eric A. R., Cabinet Maker	16 Pennsylvania Ave.
Babcock, Ralph G., Office Manager	28 Berkeley St.
Barber, Dana H., Mechanical Designer	12 Hampshire Rd.
Beaudry, George B., Inspector	36 Pearl St.
Bell, J. Angus, Salesman	87 Hanscom Ave.
Birchall, Joseph C., Machinist	25 Woodward Ave.
Bird, Willis F., Serviceman	97 Franklin St.
Blaikie, Robert C., Clerk	36 Prospect St.
Blaisdell, Grover C., Salesman	113 Summer Ave.
Brockway, Robert S., Manager	56 Temple St.
Brogan, Thomas E., Bookkeeper	5 Washington St.

Burhoe, Richards H., Salesman	101 Bancroft Ave.
Burnham, Vaughan F., Clerk	89 Highland St.
Camp, Harry Upson, Elec. Contractor	28 Highland St.
Carleton, J. Henry, Insurance	163 Woburn St.
Carpenter, Albert E. C., Sales Engineer	14 Vale Rd.
Chapin, Earle H., Heating Engineer	134 High St.
Chase, Robert P., Salesman	18 Fairview Ave.
Chesley, Richard B., Jeweler	50 Pratt St.
Clark, Joseph R., Bookkeeper	81 Ash St.
Clifford, James J., Manufacturer	20 Hillcrest Rd.
Clinch, Robert G., Insurance	4 Perkins Ave.
Cogger, Harold W., Salesman	9 Cross St.
Colburn, Stanley W., Broker	193 Prescott St.
Collins, Henry O., Electrician	19 Glen Rd.
Collins, Walter R., Stock Clerk	139 Salem St.
Croswell, Ray R., N. E. Tel. Co.	52 Hancock St.
Crowe, Howard W., Clerk	14 Bunker Ave.
Currell, Harold E., Contractor	50 Chute St.
Curtis, George E., Asst. Supt.	58 Grand St.
Cushing, Charles E., Real Estate	56 Howard St.
David, A. Lloyd, Bank Officer	70 Howard St.
Davis, Victor H., Mechanic	12 Arlington St.
Dean, Warren M., Sales Rep.	15 Pennsylvania Ave.
Delano, William J., Jr., District Manager	98 Summer Ave.
Dennison, Ralph H., Wholesale Grocer	26 Copeland Ave.
Dobbins, Andrew C., Foreman	72 Green St.
Ducker, George A., Clerk	73 Summer Ave.
Estes, Frederick J., Retired	118 Bancroft Ave.
Fairclough, William T., Civil Engineer	125 Grove St.
Folsom, Robert M., Company President	20 Copeland Ave.
Fowler, Walter M., Real Estate and Ins.	38 Fairmount Rd.
Frost, Roscoe W., Clerk	3 Whittier Rd.
Fulton, Donald R., Salesman	3 Lawrence Rd.
Gallant, Ernest E., Asst. Bank Cashier	48 Hanscom Ave.
Gates, Cyrus S., Manager	429 West St.
Godfrey, Charles L., Treasurer	32 Scotland Rd.
Goff, John W., Decorator	104 Woburn St.
Goldsmith, A. Alden, Insurance Broker	199 Bancroft Ave.
Goodridge, Walter V., Chemical Co.	103 Village St.
Graupner, Frank C., Office Manager	149 Pleasant St.
Halloran, Martin J., Jr., Bookkeeper	22 Prescott St.
Ham, Jacob B., Insurance Salesman	35 Sunnyside Ave.

Hinckley, William P., Sales Engineer	256 Lowell St.
Hodson, Sydney M., Painter and Decorator	51 Oak St.
Holmes, Henry J., Clerk	16 Gardner Rd.
Hopkins, Arthur F., Wholesale Grain	40 Scotland Rd.
Horrocks, Percy L., Salesman	63 Highland St.
Howe, Benjamin, Investment Banker	39 Howard St.
Ingham, Lawrence A., Salesman	370 Lowell St.
Irons, Harry C., Insurance	14 Pilgrim Rd.
Johnson, Ernest S., Auditor	16 California Rd.
Keleher, Charles G., R.R. Worker	95 Howard St.
Kevorkian, Edwin A., Rug Merchant	32 Virginia Rd.
Kilgore, Ernest E., Clerk	19 Fairview Ave.
Kimball, Walter B., Roll Maker	269 West St.
King, Chester R., Painter	140 Village St.
Knudson, Benjamin, Jr., Superintendent	60 Hanscom Ave.
Kurchian, Harry K., General Electric	284 Franklin St.
Lazenby, Francis C. W., Elec. Engineer	773 Main St.
Lenfest, Arthur M., Advertising	8 Copeland Ave.
Lidgate, Sydney C., Credit Manager	39 Berkeley St.
Linehan, John, Expressman	1068 Main St.
Long, George B., Asst. Treasurer	41 Longview Rd.
Lowell, Ernest T., Shoecutter	76 Linden St.
Lydstone, William P., Jr., Salesman	16 Oak Ridge Rd.
MacKinnon, William D., Banker	11 Hunt St.
MacLellan, Harry R., Salesman	123 Woburn St.
Maguire, Joseph P., Foreman	23 Locust St.
Matson, Eric P., Florist	279 Pleasant St.
McLaughlin, James A., N. E. T. & T. Co.	63 Vine St.
Mercer, James R., Jr., Asst. Treasurer	73 Hillcrest Rd.
Miller, F. Warren, Salesman	47 Prescott St.
Miller, Herbert K., Ex. Secretary	23 Fairview Ave.
Morand, Edward N., Electrician	386 Summer Ave.
Morss, Lawrence V., N.E.T.T.&T. Co.	7 Bond St.
Murdock, George J., Manufacturer	7 Hillcrest Rd.
Nichols, Ralph L., R.R. Accountant	69 Hanscom Ave.
Nickerson, Fred L., Salesman	16 Howard St.
Norton, Robert D., Bank Clerk	19 Sunnyside Ave.
Parry, Louis A., Retired	7 Orange St.
Philbrook, Herbert A., Marine Supt.	90 Summer Ave.
Pitman, Carl B., Banker	23 Oak St.
Plouff, Ralph F., Mechanic	4 Morgan Pk.

Poock, Otto F., Retired	50 Federal St.
Prescott, Lincoln T., Office Manager	28 Thorndike St.
Ralston, Robert S., Compositor	9 Dudley St.
Reed, Joseph H., Manager	78 Middlesex Ave.
Remick, Nelson A., Merchant	35 Copeland Ave.
Riley, George J., Jr., Bank Clerk	11 Bancroft Ave.
Rydeard, Walter, Estimator and Planner	50 Fairview Ave.
Schaeffer, Frank W., Asst. Engineer	74 Prescott St.
Schmidt, Ernest J., Supervisor	23 Berkeley St.
Sheldon, Edward P., Manager	103 Oak St.
Smith, Lewis Q., Sexton	14 Glen Rd.
Springford, F. Lionel, Jr., Treasurer	35 Grand St.
Stevens, Frank M., Insurance	14 School St.
Stewart, Boyd H., Accountant	12 Thorndike St.
Stratton, Richard E., Draftsman	218 High St.
Tonks, William J., Supt. Paint Mfg.	3 Copeland Ave.
Torre, Frank J., Merchant	633 Main St.
Turner, Clifton H., Clerk	16 Eaton St.
Turner, Harry A., Retired	17 Highland St.
Viall, Milton A., Salesman	175 Bancroft Ave.
Wakefield, Ernest T., Farmer	42 John St.
Walker, Harry R., Securities Trader	33 Curtis St.
Walsh, John J., Jr., Filler	10 Temple St.
Warren, Joseph M., Salesman	159 High St.
Whitney, Glenn E., Insurance	233 Woburn St.
Widell, John M., Clerk	8 Glen Rd.
Wilcox, Loring F., Insurance Broker	67 Hillcrest Rd.
Wilkinson, John E., Bank Clerk	94 Summer Ave.
Winchester, Laurence S., Cost Engineer	232 West St.
Woodbury, Glen P., Factory Manager	40 Howard St.

CHARLES E. WILKINSON,  
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS,  
KENNETH C. LATHAM,

Selectmen of Reading, Mass.

July 16, 1948



# Report of the Town Clerk

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## TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town, on **Monday, the First Day of March, A.D., 1948** at six forty-five o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following article, viz:

Article 1. To elect by ballot the following Town Officers: A Moderator for one year; Town Clerk for one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Treasurer for one year; two members of the Board of Public Works for three years; one member of the Board of Public Works for two years one member of the Board of Public Works for one year; two Constables for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; two members of the Trustees of the Public Library for three years; one member of the Planning Board for three years; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years; also in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943 in each of the four precincts the number of town meeting members as hereinafter specified: Precinct I, fifteen members for three years; Precinct II, fifteen members for three years; Precinct III, fifteen members for three years; Precinct IV, fifteen members for three years; one member for two years to fill vacancy.

For these purposes the polls will be opened at each of the four precincts at 6:45 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8 o'clock P.M.

And to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, on **Monday, the Fifteenth Day of March, A.D., 1948** at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, Cemetery Trustees, Planning Board and any other Boards or Special Committees.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and special committees and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Board of Public Works, including Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage, Common Parks and Supervised Play, Water Department and Sewer Department, Public Dumps, Charities and Aid, Veterans Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Cemeteries, Memorial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Street Lighting, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance, Contributory Retirement System, Reserve Fund, Publication Street List for 1948. Maintenance and Lighting Old South Clock, Printing Town Reports, Damage Claims and General Accounts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Town Treasurer

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and Construction to be used in connection with monies received from the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged

from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve for the permanent development of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Cemetery Trustees

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to sell to the Old South Methodist Church or its nominee, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may determine, a strip of land situated in Laurel Hill Cemetery containing by estimation 712 square feet of land and hereinafter described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at the most Southeasterly corner thereof at land of the Old South Methodist Church and the Town; thence West-erly 5 feet more or less to a corner at other land retained by the Town; thence turning and running in a general Northerly direction by said other land of the Town 58.20 feet more or less to a corner; thence turn-ing and running Easterly by land of the Town 83.29 feet more or less to a corner; thence turning and running Southerly 3 feet more or less to a corner; thence turning and running Easterly 15 feet more or less to other land of the Old South Methodist Church; thence turning and running Southerly 2 feet to a stone bound; thence turning and running Westerly by land of the Church 93.29 feet to a stone bound; and thence turning and running Southerly 53.20 feet to a stone bound and the point of beginning. Board of Cemetery Trustees

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Health to enter into a contract for the collection and dis-posal of garbage for a term of three years and upon such other and fur-ther terms and conditions as they may determine and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for such purpose, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Health

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plumbing Regulations of the By-laws for the construction of buildings by insert-ing in Division No. 19 after Section 1 thereof the following new Section to be designated as Section 1-A:

Section 1-A. The following fees shall be paid by the applicant on receipt of permit:  
For permit for each new house, not exceeding six fixtures ..... \$2.00  
For remodeling not exceeding six additional fixtures ..... 1.00  
For each fixture in excess of six ..... .25  
For installation of single fixture ..... .50

The Board of Health shall endorse upon the back of the application the amount to be charged for the permit.

The Inspector shall pay this amount to the Town Treasurer who will give the Inspector a receipt for same. Board of Health

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a special committee to make a study and recommendation on the Town Manager Form of Government and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of such committee, or what it will do in relation thereto. A. Lloyd David and others

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 85E of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, being a law relating to the retirement of permanent members of the Police and Fire Departments of the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto. Hugh L. Eames and others

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, for the purpose of constructing an elementary school building on the land owned by the Town, situated on Summer Avenue and Oak Street, including the original equipment and furnishings for the same, and to authorize the School Committee to construct said building and contract with respect thereto, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums as may be necessary to meet any appropriation made therefor, and to use any other available funds that may be raised by taxation or appropriation for that purpose, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the transportation of school children for the year 1948, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the Teachers' Retirement System for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1948, as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate from the tax levy and by transfer from available funds, for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, purchasing, and operating road machinery and equipment for the use of and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street from near Middlesex Avenue toward Reading Square, under Section 34



Chapter 90 of the General Laws together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Barrows Road under provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Barrows Road and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known as John Carver Road under provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as John Carver Road and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Nichols Road under provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Nichols Road and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known at Pine Ridge Road under provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Pine Ridge Road and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works



Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known as Oak Ridge Road under provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as Oak Ridge Road and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, for the construction of the streets mentioned in Articles Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocation or altering the location lines of a portion of Washington Street on the northerly side between Ash Street and High Street, said location lines being relocated, altered, or changed in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of said location lines as shown on said plan, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the reconstruction of said street, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to collect the rubbish and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate therefore, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Stanley H. Beaman and others

Article 28. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational, and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Recreation Committee

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to choose a new committee for the administration and expenditure of the Salvage Fund for the purposes set forth in the Motion adopted by the Town under Article 12 of the Annual Meeting held on March 18, 1946 or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for remodeling the building formerly used by the Welfare Department

and located on the Easterly side of John Street, for the purpose of garaging the trucks and equipment of the Moth Department or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII of the By-Laws of the Town by adding thereto a new section to be designated as Section 4:

Section 4. The plan herein set forth shall become established in the Town classifying the employees into groups and classes placing such employees doing similar work or having substantially equal responsibilities in the same group or class and the Town from time to time hereafter may vote to establish minimum and maximum salaries to be paid to such employees in each position or group of positions so classified herein. No Board or head of a department shall fix the salary of any employee in a position so classified herein except in accordance with the plan provided in this By-Law and the vote of the Town fixing the minimum and maximum salaries as herein specified.

### **Regulations Relating to Job Classifications**

#### **1. Title**

This plan shall consist of the following regulations, job descriptions and standard rates of salaries and wages to be established by the Town, with such amendments as may be made from time to time by the Town and shall be the Salary Schedule for the payment of salaries and wages in the Town of Reading.

#### **2. Application**

The Salary Schedule to be established by vote of the Town shall apply to all officers and employees of the Town of Reading, except those appointed or employed by the School Committee and those specifically exempted herein or whose duties or compensation are otherwise regulated by law.

#### **3. Records**

A central Personnel Record of all Town employees, either elective or appointive, shall be established and maintained by the Town Accountant for the convenience of the Finance Committee and other interested persons. It shall include all of the vital statistics and other pertinent data of each and every person employed by the Town of Reading.

#### **4. Classification of Existing Positions.**

Each existing position, except such as are exempted by Rule 2 shall be allocated to its appropriate place in the Schedule by the Agency,

Department or Branch of the Town having supervision of that position, subject to review by the Finance Committee during the first year of operation under this Schedule.

#### **5. Interpretation of Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages.**

(a) Rates are in terms of dollars per calendar year, per week, or per hour, as indicated in the Schedule.

(b) Part time employment shall receive compensation only at the rate applicable to the same job on a full time basis.

(c) These rates shall constitute the total remuneration for any position, including pay in any form, unless specific exception is noted. They shall not include actual and authorized expenses necessarily incident to the employment.

(d) Rental charges on Town owned properties occupied by employees shall be deducted from the money salary at the rates specified in the Schedule.

(e) Employees regularly employed by one department shall be paid at their regular rate by any other department to which they may be loaned, except in case of an emergency the employing department may pay such rates as it may determine not exceeding however the employee's regular rate, established under the Schedule.

#### **6. Operation of Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages.**

(a) The Finance Committee shall approve the minimum as the rate for entrance to any position. However, where a person is already in the employ of the Town, or a former employee is being reinstated, he may enter the position at the rate previously paid him, or the maximum—whichever is the lower. Exceptions may be made by the Finance Committee subject to the approval of the next Annual Town Meeting.

(b) An employee whose rate at the time of taking effect of the Schedule exceeds the maximum for his position may continue at his present rate, as long as he continuously holds the same position or unless a general salary decrease is later voted by the Town.

(c) Advancement from minimum to maximum shall be by successive steps, annually, **but shall not be mandatory**. Individual advancement within the prescribed spreads shall be on the basis of merit and ability (not necessarily on length of service) and shall be subject to the approval of the Finance Committee after they have received evidence, satisfactory to them, that such advancement is merited.

(d) In certain broad classifications, such as the clerical scales, qualification for placement in any given range shall not necessarily mean that the position shall automatically rate regular increases to the maximum of that range. Placement and subsequent increases, even

within the range shall depend entirely on the rating of the job and the individual by the employing Agency, Department or Branch of the Town and approval of the Finance Committee.

#### **7. Classification of New Positions**

Whenever a new position is established, except by statute or by a vote of the Town Meeting setting forth its title, duties and compensation—the Finance Committee and the Agency, Department or Branch of the Town involved shall allocate such position to its appropriate place in the Schedule. If no such place exists, the Finance Committee may create a new classification subject to the approval of the Town at the next Annual Town Meeting.

#### **8. Revision of Rates and Classifications, Promotions and Transfers.**

Revision of rates, either increase or decrease, and revisions of classifications may be made in cases of emergencies by the Finance Committee subject to the approval of the Town at the next Annual Town Meeting, and availability of departmental funds.

Promotions or transfers of individual employees may be approved by the Finance Committee after investigation of the need of the department for the change, compliance with classification of position and availability of departmental funds to cover increased expenditures. All requests shall be made to the Finance Committee in writing, and shall contain all pertinent facts.

#### **9. Overtime**

All reimbursement for any position to which an hourly rate applies in the Schedule shall be made at this hourly rate for the first forty (40) hours worked in any week. Overtime at the rate of 1½ times the regular rate shall be paid for the number of hours in excess of forty (40) worked in any given week. Men called for emergency work outside of their regular working hours shall be credited with a minimum of three hours time. **If an hourly rate is not shown on the Schedule no overtime will be paid.**

#### **10. Holidays**

Town employees shall be entitled to the following holidays with pay when they fall within the regular work week:

January 1st, February 22nd, April 19th, May 30th, July 4th, Labor Day, October 12th, November 11th, Thanksgiving and December 25th.

If an employee is required to work on any of these holidays, he shall be compensated for the number of hours worked at his regular hourly rate.



#### **11. Leave of Absence**

Except for the provisions of these regulations all Leave of Absence shall be without compensation.

#### **12. Compensation to Conform to Plan.**

No compensation shall be paid to any officer or employee of the Town whose salary or wage is subject to the Schedule, except in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law and these regulations and all employing authorities are charged with this responsibility.

#### **13. Appeals**

If any request under the Schedule is denied by the Finance Committee, the Agency, Department or Branch of the Town involved may appeal to the Town for a final decision at the next Annual Town Meeting in a special article in the Town Warrant.

#### **14. Amendment and Review**

The Schedule may be amended from time to time by vote of any Town Meeting. Five years after the adoption of the Schedule and every fifth year thereafter a committee established by the Town shall review the Schedule and shall report at the next Annual Town Meeting, making such recommendations for revisions and amendments to the Schedule as they may determine.

### **JOB CLASSIFICATIONS**

#### **Superintendent**

Directs all activities of department; said functions may include Highway, Water, Sewer, Parks, Playgrounds. All operations of Municipal Light Plant; installation, maintenance or operative. In full charge of Plants and employees. Is held responsible for efficient and continuous operation of the services furnished or supplied. Should be capable of doing all major engineering work such as layouts for varied type of construction, technical mathematics, departmental budgets and accounting, or supervising such work if delegated by him to others.

#### **Foreman**

A full-time supervisor, skilled workman with full responsibility of supervising the work of large groups of employees and other incidental work. In direct charge of all construction, maintenance in their respective divisions as assigned by the Superintendent. Supervisory duties cover activities in connection with Water Mains, Sewers, Sewer-Mains, Sewer house connections, road construction and repair, sidewalk construction, storm drain construction and maintenance, snow



plowing and removal, care of dumps, spraying and tree work, cemetery maintenance and development. Construction or maintenance in setting light poles, stringing of electric wires or cables (overhead or underground) or other electrical installations or maintenance in connection with Municipal Light Plant.

#### **Working Foreman**

Skilled workman with part time responsibility of supervising the work of small groups of employees, and who normally performs similar work himself and other incidental work.

#### **Skilled Labor**

A workman possessing experience and ability to do work requiring highest skills in his department. Can work with special tools or equipment requiring special skill and experience. Is a skilled craftsman, can be called upon to operate motorized equipment of a specialized nature. Duties may be in Light or Power work, Sewer, Water, Road, Cemetery, Spraying, Tree climbing or other Town labor activities requiring a fully skilled workman. He may be called upon to perform manual labor.

#### **Semi-Skilled Labor**

Performs manual tasks requiring strength and endurance, also tasks that require some ability to use tools and equipment of a comparatively simple nature, also includes driving trucks or other incidental work. May be required to perform manual labor.

#### **Unskilled Labor**

Performs manual tasks requiring strength and endurance, but which does not require ability to use other than simple tools or equipment.

#### **Junior Clerk**

Performs clerical office duties under supervision. Possess ability to operate common business machines and a knowledge of ordinary business practices, acquired by business or schooling.

#### **Senior Clerk**

Experienced clerk who possesses ability to direct and perform all the clerical functions of an office under the general supervision of a department head. Senior Clerk, in general, would direct work of other clerical assistants in a department. Be capable of assuming such clerical departmental responsibilities, necessary to transact business of said department. Meets the general public in the absence of department executive.

### **Janitor, Town Buildings**

Performs janitor and maintenance work at or around Town Buildings, Library, Municipal Building, etc. Keeps buildings heated whenever necessary. Duties may require any tasks assigned for the proper cleaning, maintenance or heating of said buildings or grounds. May be required to perform Janitor duties at one or more Town buildings. (Janitor of Municipal Light Building listed separately in Wage Schedules.)

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Pumping Station Engineer**

In direct charge of all work at pumping station, including repair and operation of equipment, laboratory tests, compilation of records, etc. Also assists on water meter repairs and installations.

### **Assistant to Superintendent and Relief Pumping Station Engineer.**

Relieves Pumping Engineer in his absence in operation of equipment and repairs of same. Clerical office work of varied nature, engineering, drafting, purchases department supplies within limits, unit cost accounting, compiles records, prepares data, title examination work for Town Counsel. Acts as general timekeeper during snow storms, as well as Assistant Foreman. Does other duties delegated to him by Superintendent.

### **Chief of Survey Party**

Directs work of Transitmen and Rodmen, makes surveys for road and sewer layouts, water mains, wall lines, sidewalks, storm drains, etc. Drafts plans for same from field notes, does necessary mathematics, takes measurements of all construction and drafts record plans, assists on water meter maintenance. Chauffeurs during snow storms.

### **Transit, Rodman and Draftsman**

Operates transit on surveys, assists on preparation of plans, drafts location cards for sewer connections and water services. Does other minor engineering work. Chauffeurs during snow storms.

### **Dump Caretaker**

Takes care of Town dump on John Street.

## **MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

### **Distribution Engineer**

Supervision of Line extensions, service installations and connections, range and water heater installation, wiring inspections in outside

Towns, Meter Department trouble service; supervision of distribution engineering, operations and planning, rate and cost analysis.

### **Construction Superintendent**

Supervision of Line crews, overhead and underground construction, issues order and does layout work.

### **Line Truck Foreman**

Has charge of Line crew, in addition works with his men. Works under orders from Construction Superintendent.

### **Lineman—1st Class**

Capable of handling any Line work; high or low tension on the system. Is able to take truck and perform any work that can be handled by one man.

### **Lineman—2nd Class**

Does linework under direct supervision, either in company of Lineman 1st Class or foreman. Has worked at least 12 months as Lineman 3rd Class and has been promoted to 2nd Class.

### **Lineman—3rd Class**

Apprentice, learning to climb poles and do secondary work on pole lines. Is not allowed to work without a 1st Class Lineman or Foreman on job.

### **Groundsman**

Digs post holes, sends up tools to Lineman, gets material from truck, coils wire and rope, does all ground work for Lineman.

### **Patrol—1st Class**

Patrols street lights, sets electric meters, installs meter boxes and cable from box to customer's switch, replaces customer's blown fuses, troubleman.

### **Patrol Apprentice**

Assists Patrolman, while training for work of Patrolman.

### **Stockroom Man**

Receives and stocks all line material at garage and plant, bores, paints and pins cross arms, repairs materials returned from line and keeps stockroom clean.

### **Mechanic**

Capable of doing all work on cars and trucks, including painting and welding, also does welding for station.

**Meter Tester**

Repairs, tests or rebuilds electric meters.

**Meter Reader**

Reads electric meters.

**Cable Splicer**

1st Class Lineman and cable splicer, works as Lineman when not working as cable splicer.

**Chief Operator—Light Plant**

In charge of Plant, switchboard operator, installs and replaces equipment.

**Operator**

Switchboard operator, assists Chief Operator install and repair equipment. Keeps plant and grounds clean.

**Mechandise Manager**

In charge of merchandise sales, in store. May act as clerk in store if needed.

**Salesman Clerk**

Sells merchandise in store, calls on prospective customers, resale, inventory, receptionist. Some additional clerical work.

**Service Manager**

Supervises and directs servicemen, keeps records, orders repair parts, receives all service calls for repairs of appliances, under direction of Merchandise Manager.

**Service Man**

Services and repairs electrical appliances, answers service calls at customer's homes, places of business; repairs or services refrigerators, washing machines, ranges, water heaters, etc.

**Service Man Apprentice**

Assists Service Men while in training to become a service man.

**Shipping and Receiving Clerk**

Receives all merchandise at office, uncrates ranges, water heaters or other equipment; assembles ranges, aids in delivery. Performs some janitor work.

**Comptroller**

Accountant in charge of management of office, budgets, financial and State reports, under direction of Superintendent. Directs work of

all clerical help in Billing and Accounting, Costs and Statistics, etc.

**Assistant to Comptroller**

Assists Comptroller in managing office under direction of Comptroller, supervises Cost and Statistical work, or other office activities. Functions as Chief Clerk.

**Collector**

Collects delinquent accounts or other bills; assists meter readers when necessary.

**Janitor**

Cleans office building; in charge of heating apparatus; removes snow from walks; keeps building and grounds in order. Employed 40 hours per week.

**LIBRARY**

**Librarian**

Manages Library, purchases books, fuel and other supplies, etc. Directs activities of other Library employees, keeps accounts and records, catalogs books, etc.

**Assistant Librarian**

Under supervision of Librarian; issues and receives books, catalogs books, keeps records. In charge of Children's Library and activities. Assumes charge in absence of Librarian.

**WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

**(Operates under Civil Service Regulations)**

**Welfare Agent**

In full charge of Administration. Supervises and directs activities of all personnel, dispenses financial aid, compiles budgets and other financial and State reports.

**Social Worker**

Calls on welfare cases, makes investigations, reports to Welfare Agent, performs such other social or welfare duties assigned.

**Junior Clerk, Typist, 1st and 2nd Seniority**

Performs clerical office duties under supervision. Possesses ability to operate common business machines and a knowledge of ordinary business practices, acquired by business or schooling.



## **TREE AND MOTH DEPARTMENT**

### **Foreman—Supervisor**

In full charge of operations of tree climbers, trimming or removing trees. Spraying of trees, shrubs and bushes of Town and private trees for moth, fungus or insect control. Instructs general public on care of trees; Tree Warden; keeps departmental records.

## **CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

### **Foreman—Supervisor**

Capable of directing activities of department. All phases of cemetery operations and development, landscaping, grading, care of lawns and trees, construction of avenues and walks, foundations for monuments, etc.

### **Working Supervisor**

Familiar with and capable of supervising and carrying out all tasks assigned by Foreman-Supervisor, in all phases of cemetery operations, construction, maintenance, landscaping, grading, fertilizing, seeding and grass cutting of lots and graves, pruning, trimming and spraying of trees, shrubs and vines, construction of avenues and walks. Construction of foundations for monuments and markers. Truck driver and operator of special cemetery equipment and maintenance thereof. Capable of performing interment functions from grave opening and excavation through to completion of interment. Can direct and instruct other cemetery assistants.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Chief of Police**

Chief executive officer and shall direct all activities of the department, subject to the law, to the Police rules and regulations, and to the direction of the Board of Selectmen. He shall have authority over all members of the force assigned thereto and all other persons employed therein. He shall be responsible for the observance and performance of all laws, ordinances, by-laws and regulations which the Police force has authority to execute; he shall engage in no other business and shall perform such other duties provided by law and assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

### **Police Sergeant**

He shall assist the Chief of Police as directed by him in accordance with the police regulations and shall perform his duties by day or night, which may include patrol or station house service. He shall perform

such other duties as may be required by the law, the police regulations of the Town and such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Chief of Police.

#### **Patrolman**

He shall conform to the rules and regulations of the department and observe and enforce the laws, ordinances and by-laws and shall perform the duties prescribed by law and such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Chief of Police, and his superior officers.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Chief of Fire Department**

He shall direct all activities of the department and shall have charge of extinguishing fires in the Town and the protection of life and property and discharge all the duties conferred or imposed by statute, and shall appoint a Deputy Chief and such officers and firemen as he may think necessary and as provided by law. He shall have full and absolute authority in the administration of the department, shall make all rules and regulations for its operation and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by law and assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

#### **Deputy Chief**

He shall assist the Chief of the Fire Department and shall be the head of the department in the absence of the Chief and shall assist in extinguishing fires in the Town and the protection of life and property in cases of fire, and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by law and which may be assigned to him from time to time by the Chief of the department.

#### **Captain**

In the absence of the Chief and Deputy Chief the Captain shall be in charge of extinguishing fires in the Town and the protection of life and property in case of fire and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law and from time to time assigned to him by his superior officers.

#### **Lieutenant**

In the absence of the Chief, Deputy Chief and Captain the Lieutenant shall be in charge of extinguishing fires in the Town and the protection of life and property in case of fire and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law, and which may be assigned to him from time to time by his superior officers.

### **Private**

He shall assist in extinguishing fires in the Town and the protection of life and property in case of fire and shall assist in keeping in repair all property and apparatus used for and by the Fire Department and perform such other duties as prescribed by law and which may be assigned to him from time to time by his superior officers.

### **Cail Man**

He shall assist in extinguishing fires in the Town and the protection of life and property in case of fire and shall perform such other duties prescribed by law and which may be assigned to him from time to time by his superior officers.

The above Job Descriptions are intended to indicate, in a general way, the principal duties of individual jobs covered by these job titles. They are in no sense limiting and do not necessarily include all activities which may be incidental to the performance of these jobs.

Salary and Wage Classification Committee

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 649 of the Acts of 1947, being an Act authorizing a forty hour work week for employees of the Town, and to exempt from the operation of such Act the Janitors of the public buildings and schools in the Town, Superintendents, Foremen, Pumping Station Engineer, Assistant to Superintendent and Relief Pumping Station Engineer, Distribution Engineer, Construction Superintendent, Foreman Supervisors, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Salary and Wage Classification Committee

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate from the Tax Levy or transfer from available funds under authority of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1943 for the purchase of United States War Bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, to be added to the Post War Rehabilitation Fund or what it will do in relation thereto.

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate from the Tax Levy or from available funds for the purpose of creating a stabilization fund under authority of Section 5-B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws or what it will do in relation thereto.

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Article 35. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during the year 1948, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the general expenses of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the Selectmen appoint a Director, the Director to cooperate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs, under provisions of Section 40 to 45 Chapters 128, General Laws, of Massachusetts, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Lois M. Connor and others

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars, or what it will do in relation thereto.

William J. Tighe, Jr. and others

Article 39. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion, or what it will do in relation thereto.

George R. Dunn and others

Article 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Frances K. Wright and others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to March 1, 1948, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of February, A.D., 1948.

KENNETH C. LATHAM  
CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS

Selectmen of Reading

A true copy. Attest:

## Officer's Return

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Reading, Mass., February 27, 1948

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, Mass., February 27, 1948

By virtue of the within warrant, I on February 23rd, 1948 notified and warned the inhabitants of Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street in said Reading, as the designated place for the four precincts of the town, at the times specified in this warrant, by posting attested copies of the same in the following public places within the Town of Reading.

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles & Sons Store, 610 Main St.; Boston & Maine Railroad R. R. Depot; Odd Fellows' Building, Woburn St.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Engine No. 2 Station, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.

The date of posting being seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant, and I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of February 26th, 1948 the date of publication being more than one day prior to the date of meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

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## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

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March 1, 1948

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereof, a Town Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant, and was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard.

The Clerk partially read the warrant, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the war-



rant except the Constable's Return which was duly read by the clerk.

The keys to the ballot boxes were turned over to the Constable in charge, the ballot boxes were examined and found to be empty and registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 6:45 o'clock A. M. and were closed at 8:00 P. M. with the following results:

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Totals
<b>Moderator for one year</b>					
Charles P. Howard .....	385	461	442	487	1775
Blanks .....	53	52	53	53	211
Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
<b>Town Clerk for one year</b>					
Guy W. Ellison .....	393	461	445	486	1785
Blanks .....	45	52	50	54	201
Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
<b>Selectman for 3 years</b>					
Kenneth C. Latham .....	400	469	455	500	1824
Blanks .....	38	44	40	40	162
Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
<b>Board of Public Welfare for 3 years</b>					
Joseph D. Knight .....	389	454	440	482	1765
Blanks .....	49	59	55	58	221
Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
<b>Assessor for 3 years</b>					
Leon G. Bent .....	378	450	423	469	1720
Blanks .....	60	63	72	71	266
Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
<b>Treasurer for one year</b>					
Preston F. Nichols .....	392	469	448	498	1807
Blanks .....	46	44	47	42	179
Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986

**Municipal Light Board for three years**

Maynard R. Barton .....	50	73	37	72	232
Alfred H. Dolben .....	142	224	279	221	866
Herbert C. Towle .....	216	198	162	221	797
Blanks .....	30	18	17	26	91

Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
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**Two Constables for one year**

Leon G. Bent .....	366	431	414	455	1666
Arthur L. Harris .....	364	438	418	457	1677
Blanks .....	146	157	158	168	629

Totals .....	876	1026	990	1080	3972
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**Two members Board Public Works for three years**

Coleman J. Donahue, Jr. ....	261	283	287	333	1164
Alexander Lindsay .....	319	377	370	412	1478
Andrew A. Zanni .....	154	207	193	164	718
Blanks .....	142	159	140	171	612

Totals .....	876	1026	990	1080	3972
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**One member Board Public Works for two years**

Edward Brophy .....	127	115	124	128	494
James Calvin .....	255	308	320	350	1233
Robert Grundy .....	38	73	34	41	186
Blanks .....	18	17	17	21	73

Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
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**Board Public Works for one year**

William Webb .....	372	450	428	484	1734
Blanks .....	66	63	67	56	252

Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
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**Board of Health for three years**

Christine F. Atkinson .....	387	449	450	476	1762
Blanks .....	51	64	45	64	224

Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986
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**Two members School Committee for three years**

Mary E. Earley .....	208	272	260	277	1017
Robert E. Turner .....	253	286	277	321	1137

Merle W. Wescott .....	310	372	390	401	1473
Blanks .....	105	96	63	81	345
Totals .....	876	1026	990	1080	3972

#### **Two Library Trustees for three years**

Beatrice D. Jones .....	180	151	164	169	664
Thomas F. Maher .....	96	88	87	123	394
Katherine C. Pierce .....	277	322	325	312	1236
William J. Tonks .....	210	330	291	320	1151
Blanks .....	113	135	123	156	527
Totals .....	876	1026	990	1080	3972

#### **Two Cemetery Trustees for three years**

Harry C. Barr .....	384	445	429	489	1747
Edouard N. Dube .....	367	443	415	451	1676
Blanks .....	125	138	146	140	549
Totals .....	876	1026	990	1080	3972

#### **Planning Board for three years**

Charles Wilson .....	360	436	410	456	1662
Blanks .....	78	77	85	84	324
Totals .....	438	513	495	540	1986

### **Precinct 1**

#### **Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years**

Charles M. Blake, 165 Main St. ....	349
William C. Bliss, 194 Pleasant St. ....	353
William Frederick Cook, 75 Cross St. ....	350
Everett J. Doucette, 40 Shackford Rd. ....	355
Raymond E. Foster, 23 Smith Ave. ....	349
William B. Herrick, 515 Summer Ave. ....	350
William S. Lister, Jr., 32 Thorndike St. ....	349
Herbert Mitchell, 156 Salem St. ....	348
A. Waldo Phinney, 61 Cross St. ....	347
Herbert Pinto, 78 Cross St. ....	352
Katherine J. Russell, 26 Wilson St. ....	353
Wilson A. Smith, 10 Smith Ave. ....	346
Howard W. Stockbridge, 4 Smith Ave. ....	348
Clifford P. Wadman, 66 Pearl St. ....	348

A. Clifford Woodside, 773 Main St. ....	353
Raymond Swain .....	1
Blanks .....	1319
Totals .....	6570

## Precinct 2

### Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Stanley H. Beaman, 206 Woburn St. ....	412
Norman T. Bissett, 87 Oak St. ....	392
Harry H. Brigham, 98 Howard St. ....	398
G. Warren Cochrane, Jr., 26 County Rd. ....	413
Winthrop P. Frazier, 438 Summer Ave. ....	393
Arthur L. Harris, 59 Oak St. ....	408
Leon T. Hutchins, 175 Prescott St. ....	405
Donald C. McKie, 12 Ellis Ave. ....	395
Henry C. Milton, 281 Summer Ave. ....	404
Neil C. Robinson, 15 Vista Ave. ....	408
William J. Tonks, 3 Copeland Ave. ....	409
Helen M. Towle, 22 West St. ....	387
Herbert C. Towle, 22 West St. ....	401
Emerson A. Willard, 55 Fairview Ave. ....	406
Willis T. Dean .....	3
Harry Walker .....	2
Theodore H. Johnson .....	2
Arthur Dolben .....	2
Lloyd F. Henderson .....	2
Richard E. Merrill .....	1
Stanley Colburn .....	1
Albert E. Sargent .....	1
Clarence M. Kimball .....	1
Frank E. Goddard .....	1
Robert Grundy .....	1
Calvin A. Wood .....	1
Charles H. Grant .....	1
Eve F. Henderson .....	1
Charles L. Godfrey .....	1
John A. Smith .....	1
Margaret M. Dee .....	1
Richard T. Gagney .....	1
Albert O. Dill .....	1
Blanks .....	2039
Totals .....	7695

### Precinct 3

#### Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Lawrence W. Allen, 58 Temple St. ....	396
Forest T. Benton, 402 Lowell St. ....	371
Lawrence G. Crosby, 64 Grand St. ....	418
Grace C. Curtis, 41 Hancock St. ....	405
Oscar M. David, 211 High St. ....	403
Joshua T. Day, Jr., 64 Berkeley St. ....	391
John L. Devaney, 34 Washington St. ....	388
Lewis E. Gilman, 119 Summer Ave. ....	398
John R. Kay, 50 Grand St. ....	395
Harry F. McRell, 14 Willow St. ....	328
Richard G. Moore, 40 Grand St. ....	407
Frank L. Spurr, 43 Prospect St. ....	397
Dorothy F. Stevens, 14 School St. ....	380
Willis F. Tucker, Jr., 39 Vine St. ....	422
Joshua D. Upton, 79 Woburn St. ....	388
Philip P. Welch, 10 Lee St. ....	244
John Nargis .....	1
Francis Randall .....	1
Ray Johnson .....	1
Lester Boston .....	1
Alfred Dolben .....	1
Ralph Allen .....	1
William Fraker .....	1
Blanks .....	1287
Totals .....	7425

### Precinct 4

#### Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

C. Nelson Bishop, 55 Lowell St. ....	432
Lawrence A. Cate, 264 Charles St. ....	423
Harold F. Davis, 17 Forest Glen Rd. ....	436
Edward C. Emslie, 252 Charles St. ....	412
Donald Higgins, 51 Grove St. ....	414
Thomas F. Maher, 273 Forest St. ....	408
Thomas M. Prentiss, 2 Whittier Rd. ....	420
Harold W. Putnam, 147 Bancroft Ave. ....	434
James T. Putnam, 1027 Main St. ....	421
Ralph B. Story, 258 Charles St. ....	402
Edward J. Taylor, 13 Forest St. ....	417
Lawrence W. Winchester, 96 Wakefield St. ....	424



Albert H. Woodward, 72 Linden St. ....	429
Kenneth O. Morrison, 55 Woburn St. ....	33
William H. Willson, Jr., 55 Bancroft Ave. ....	30
Richmond Woodward, Jr. ....	9
Francis O'Leary ....	2
E. Whitcomb Woodward ....	2
Elizabeth Graham ....	2
Donald Mitchell ....	4
Richard Jackson ....	2
Roland Hoag ....	2
Clarence Whitten ....	1
Coleman Donahue ....	1
Robert Morrison ....	1
Richard Tonseth ....	1
Arthur Eastman ....	1
William Webb ....	1
James Coombs ....	1
Thomas Brown ....	1
Edward Jones ....	1
Richmond W. Woodward ....	1
Herbert L. Robinson ....	1
Jane Peabody ....	1
Lyman C. Sprague ....	1
Clayton R. Nash ....	1
Blanks .....	2524
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>8096</b>

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**One Town Meeting Member for two years**

Eleanor C. Bishop .....	401
Blanks .....	139
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>540</b>

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The following persons served as Election Officers:

**Precinct 1**

**Ballot Box**    Ola M. Pomfret, 22 Belmont St.  
**Ballot Clerk**   John J. Murray, 52 Village St.

- Checkers** Catherine L. Doherty  
Martha Stark, 73 Eaton St.  
Jemima W. Clapperton, 161 Pleasant St.  
Catherine V. Wright, 123 High St.
- Counters** M. Gertrude Ballou, 71 Green St.  
Mary E. Doran, 33 Orange St.  
Annie C. O'Malley, 74 Minot St.  
Margaret J. Curtin, 75 Harrison St.

### Precinct 2

- Ballot Box** George N. Bishop, 60 Hillcrest Rd.
- Ballot Clerk** Catherine E. Reilly, 64 Minot St.
- Checkers** Jessie N. Thaxter, 11 Winter St.  
Nellie E. Whelton, 7 High St.  
Mary C. Barrett, 38 Warren Ave.  
May M. King, 24 Bay State Rd.
- Counters** Rose A. Gadbois, 8 Maple St.  
Winifred E. McClintock, 188 Wakefield St.  
Ethel D. Gowing, 81 John St.  
Mary A. Painting, 14 Fairview Ave.

### Precinct 3

- Ballot Box** Gladys R. Dickinson, 25 Arlington St.
- Ballot Clerk** Minnie E. Heselton, 17 Berkeley St.
- Checkers** Rebecca T. Emery, 65 Middlesex Ave.  
Ina M. Bergquist, 3 Berkeley St.  
Norma P. Perley, 89 Vine St.
- Counters** Edith Moses, 33 Dudley St.  
William N. Thayer, 25 Lincoln St.  
Frances S. Snyder, 94 Vine St.  
Grace E. Wooldridge, 156 High St.  
Bertha L. Skinner, 17 Mineral St.  
Eleanor S. Michelini, 48 Prescott St.

### Precinct 4

- Ballot Box** Bertha A. Perkins, 23 Highland St.
- Ballot Clerk** Mabel Bennett, 38 Highland St.

**Checkers** Mary C. Horrocks, 63 Highland St.  
Flora B. Poock, 50 Federal St.  
Eva F. Gleason, 37 Woburn St.

**Counters** Dorothy Williams, 265 Lowell St.  
Elizabeth M. Bates, 23 Nelson Ave.  
Catherine G. Doucette, 89 Woburn St.  
H. Nelson Bates, 23 Nelson Ave.  
Harold M. Flater, 33 Minot St.

**Tabulators** Walter A. Scanlon, 331 Haven St.  
Louis Bacigalupo, 91 John St.  
Albert Maines, 13 Green St.  
Arthur Doucette, 2 Warren Ave.  
Leon G. Bent, 767 Main St.  
Gooch Sargent, 238 High St.  
Frank E. Ward, 29 King St.  
Arthur L. Harris, 59 Oak St.

Leon G. Bent posted the warrant.

A true record. Attest.

GUY W. ELLISON  
Town Clerk

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Security Hall

March 15, 1948

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard at 8:00 P. M.

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 1, 1948 meeting, no notice was required by the Town Clerk.

The new Town Meeting Members were requested to stand and be sworn to office by the Town Moderator.

The Town Clerk partially read the warrant when on the motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant, except for the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. The report of the Wages and Hours Classification Committee was read by the Chairman, William J. Tonks. On motion of

Samuel H. Davis it was voted to accept the report of this committee with an expression of appreciation for the great amount of time and painstaking effort expended in the study, and to place the report on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

Article 3. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 31. On motion of William J. Tonks it was voted to take up Article 31.

Mr. Tonks moved that Article VIII of the By-Laws of the Town be amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as Section 4.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted to dispense with the further reading of this motion.

Louis Davis moved that the subject matter of Article 31 be referred to a committee consisting of the Salary and Wage Classification Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for further study, such committee to report at the next Town meeting. The substitute motion was voted and the original motion was lost.

Article 32. On motion of Louis Davis it was voted to take up Article 32.

On motion of Mr. Davis it was voted that the subject matter of Article 32 be referred to a committee consisting of the Salary and Wage Classification Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for further study, such committee to report at the next Town Meeting.

Article 3. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to take up Article 3.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson it was voted that all Boards, Committees, and Heads of Departments of the Town be, and they hereby are instructed to make all the salary raises of all officers and employees of the Town effective as of and from April 1 of the current year.

Article 3. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Harold B. Currell  
Fred F. Smith  
Maurice H. Donegan

And that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark:

Percy N. Sweetser  
Harold B. Currell  
Thomas F. Brogan

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 3 be laid on the table.

Article 3. On motion of Newell H. Morton it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Mr. Morton it was voted that the Reverend William E. Billingham be and he hereby is elected a member of the Recreation Committee to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Reverend Charles F. Lancaster.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson it was voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 4. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of Forty-eight Thousand and Twenty Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$48,020.50) be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses .....	\$ 1,000.00
Selectmen's Clerical .....	2,055.00
Town Accountant's Salary .....	3,450.00†
Town Accountant's Expenses .....	600.00
Town Accountant's Clerical .....	504.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	1,775.00†
Treasurer's Expenses .....	900.00
Treasurer's Clerical .....	565.00
Collector's Salary .....	3,278.75†*
Collector's Expenses .....	1,900.00
Collector's Clerical .....	3,200.00
Assessors' Salaries (Chm. \$1500, 1st member †937.50, 2nd member \$750.00) Total .....	3,187.50
Assessors' Expenses .....	2,850.00
Assessors' Clerical .....	3,830.00
Town Counsel's Salary .....	1,756.25
Town Counsel's Expenses .....	800.00
Town Clerk's Salary .....	1,290.00†*
Town Clerk's Expenses .....	2,000.00
Town Clerk's Clerical .....	1,750.00
Registrars' Salaries .....	450.00
Registrars' Expenses .....	1,364.00
Election & Registration Expense .....	5,000.00
Planning Board Expense .....	500.00
Board of Appeal Expense .....	75.00
Finance Committee Clerk .....	100.00
Finance Committee Expense .....	250.00
Municipal Building Maintenance .....	2,000.00
Janitor's Services, Mun. Bldg. ....	1,590.00

\* Fees to Town Treasury

\$ 48,020.50

† The salary raise to become effective April 1, 1948



Article 4. On motion of Kenneth Latham it was voted that the sum of One Hundred and Forty-eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Ninety-seven Cents (\$148,216.97) be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries .....	\$ 51,856.67
Police Dept. Pensions .....	4,483.16
Police Dept. Maintenance .....	7,600.00 *
Police Station Maintenance .....	2,615.00
Fire Dept. Salaries .....	38,500.00
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries .....	4,000.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance .....	4,025.00 *
Fire Dept. Pensions .....	3,850.00
Fire Stations Maintenance .....	3,905.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....	2,400.00
Fire Alarm Extension .....	1,500.00
Hydrant Rentals .....	500.00
Moth & Tree Depts. Sal. & Wages .....	14,993.64
Moth & Tree Depts. Maintenance .....	4,392.50
Insp. of Buildings Salary .....	1,000.00
Insp. of Buildings Expenses .....	100.00
Insp. of Wires Salary .....	210.00
Insp. of Wires Expenses .....	100.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary .....	551.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses .....	250.00
Game Warden's Salary .....	105.00
Dog Officer's Salary .....	330.00
Dog Officer's Expenses .....	300.00
Traffic Control, Pearl St. ....	650.00
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\$148,216.97	

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,642.50) be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 315.00
Board of Health Expenses .....	350.00
Health Officer's Salary .....	487.50
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	550.00
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	220.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....	220.00

\* Including Travel outside the State

Care of Contagious Diseases .....	5,000.00
Dental Clinic .....	1,500.00
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	\$ 8,642.50

Article 4. On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$157,100.00) be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid as follows:

General Aid .....	\$ 21,000.00
General Aid Administrative, salaries .....	4,350.00
General Aid Administrative, expenses .....	660.00 *
Aid to Dependent Children .....	20,710.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Administrative, salaries .....	1,760.00
Old Age Assistance .....	102,650.00
Old Age Assistance Administrative, salaries .....	5,970.00 *
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	\$157,100.00

Article 4. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Veteran's Benefits as follows:

Salaries .....	\$ 1,161.00
Office Expense .....	575.00
Aid .....	8,264.00
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	\$ 10,000.00

Article 4. Alexander P. Glover moved that the sum of Four Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$478,439.10) be raised and appropriated for the School Department as follows:

General Salaries .....	\$364,439.10
General Maintenance including travel outside the State .....	61,000.00
Industrial Tuition .....	3,000.00
School Cafeterias .....	50,000.00
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	\$478,439.10

Mr. Louis Davis moved to amend Mr. Glover's motion by reducing the item of General Salaries to \$358,439.10 so that the total appropriation for the School Department shall be \$472,439.10.

Mr. Glover's motion being the larger amount was put to vote first and lost by a count of

50 yes

87 no

The motion as amended by Mr. Davis was voted.

\* Including travel outside the State

Article 4. On motion of William J. Tonks it was voted that the sum of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$12,225.00) be raised and appropriated for the Public Library as follows:

Salaries .....	\$ 7,800.00
Public Library Maintenance .....	4,425.00
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	\$ 12,225.00

Article 4. On motion of Fred L. Nutter it was voted that the sum of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$17,200.00) be raised and appropriated for the maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside the State, Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Dollars for Salaries and Five Thousand Dollars for Expenses.

Article 4. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand and Seventy-five (\$265,075.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows:

Salaries for Administration .....	\$ 6,350.00
Expenses for Administration .....	875.00
Salaries for Construction & Maintenance of Highways .....	40,600.00
Expenses for Repairs, Construction, and Maintenance of Highways, setting curbs, purchase or otherwise acquiring land for sand and gravel purposes, purchase of materials, tools and equipment and other incidental expenses pertaining thereto .....	29,250.00
Salaries for Removal of Snow and Ice .....	25,000.00
Expenses for Removal of Snow and Ice .....	20,000.00
Salaries for Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks .....	9,700.00
Expenses for Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks .....	3,100.00
Salaries for Construction of Storm Drains .....	8,150.00
Expenses for Construction of Storm Drains .....	5,200.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	3,300.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	2,800.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Dumps .....	2,700.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Dumps .....	200.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Park Department and Common and Supervised Play .....	6,800.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Park Department and Commons and Supervised Play .....	2,750.00
Salaries for Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System .....	8,200.00
Expenses for Maintenance, Operation and Extension of the Sewer System, payment of Interest on Sewer .....	

Bonds .....	9,400.00
Salaries for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer	8,100.00
Expenses for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer	2,500.00
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00
Salaries for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Water Works .....	33,000.00
Expenses for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Water Works, payment of Water Bonds and Interest, including travel outside the State .....	37,000.00
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	\$265,075.00

Article 4. On motion of Phillip R. White it was voted that the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars (\$22,569.00) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement

System to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund .....	\$ 21,569.00
Expense Fund .....	1,000.00
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	\$ 22,569.00

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,150.00) be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post 62, American Legion, and Post 685, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$2,680.00) be raised and appropriated for Interest, not including Water, Light and Sewer.

Article 4. On motion of Joseph H. Reed it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,500) and Five Hundred Dollars, and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including payments of Bonds and Notes, the sale, installation and



servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or addition thereto, and that if said sum of \$16,500 and such income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the sum of **Fifty-four thousand and no cents** (\$54,000.00) shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 4. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including Water and Light.

Article 4. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,150.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street Lists for the year 1948, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,850.00) be raised and appropriated for printing the Town Report for the year 1947.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) be raised and appropriated for the Maintenance and Lighting of the Old South Clock.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) be raised and appropriated for the settlement of Damage Claims against the Town.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) be raised and appropriated for the Maintenance of the Parking Area.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson Article 4 was laid on the table.

Article 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.



Article 6. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$275.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption of any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 7. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 7 be laid on the table.

Article 8. On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 9. On motion of Fred L. Nutter it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery for maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said cemeteries, under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 10. Upon motion of Fred L. Nutter it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell to the Old South Methodist Church or its nominee, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, a strip of land situated in Laurel Hill Cemetery containing by estimation 712 square feet of land and hereinafter described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at the most Southeasterly corner thereof at land of the Old South Methodist Church and the Town; thence Westerly 5 feet more or less to a corner at other land retained by the Town; thence turning and running in a general Northerly direction by said other land of the Town 58.20 feet more or less to a corner; thence turning and running Easterly by land of the Town 83.29 feet more or less to a corner; thence turning and running Southerly 3 feet more or less to a corner; thence turning and running Easterly 15 feet more or less to other land of the Old South Methodist Church; thence turning and running Southerly 2 feet to a stone bound; thence turning and running Westerly by land of the Church 93.29 feet to a stone bound; thence turning and running Southerly 53.20 feet to a stone bound and the point of beginning.

Article 11. On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that Article 11 be laid on the table.

Article 12. On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted that the Plumbing Regulations of the By-laws for the construction of buildings be and the same hereby is amended by inserting in Division No. 19 after Section 1 thereof the following new Section to be designated as Section 1-A:

Section 1-A. The following fees shall be paid by the applicant on receipt of permit:

For permit for each new house, not exceeding six fixtures .....	\$2.00
For remodelling not exceeding six additional fixtures .....	1.00
For each fixture in excess of six .....	.25
For installation of single fixture .....	.50

The Board of Health shall endorse upon the back of the application the amount to be charged for the permit.

The Inspector shall pay this amount to the Town Treasurer who will give the Inspector a receipt for same.

Article 13. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that a committee be and hereby is established to make a study of the Manager Form of Town Government, so called, said committee to consist of one registered voter residing in each of the four precincts to be chosen by ballot by the town meeting members from the respective precincts together with one registered voter from the town to be chosen by the moderator; that said committee be chosen as promptly as practicable after authorization by the town meeting and it is hereby instructed to report its findings with recommendations to a special town meeting to be held not later than December 31, 1948; and that the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) be and hereby is raised and appropriated for the use of said committee.

Article 14. Clement Gleason moved that Section 85 E of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, being a law relating to the retirement of permanent members of the Police and Fire Departments of the Town be and the same hereby is accepted.

The motion was defeated.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to adjourn until Monday, March 29 at 8 o'clock. Adjourned at 10:25 P. M.

173 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

## TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on **Monday, The Twenty-ninth Day of March, 1948** at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the Reserve Fund under authority of Section 6 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Finance Committee

Article 3. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the Teachers' Retirement System for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1947, as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to further amend Section 2A of Article I of the By-laws of the Town by making the Town Treasurer a Town Meeting member at large, so when amended said Section shall read as follows:

Section 2A. Any representative Town meeting held under the provisions of Chapter 7, of the Acts of 1943, shall be limited to the voters elected under Section 3 thereof, together with the following designated as Town Meeting members at large; namely, any member of the General Court of the Commonwealth, from the Town, the Moderator, the Town Clerk, the Members of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the School Committee, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, the Chairman of the Municipal Light Board, the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, the Chairman of Trustees of the Public Library, the Chairman of Board of Assessors, the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Chairman of the Board of

Cemetery Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Health, the Town Accountant, the Town Counsel and the Town Treasurer.

Charles W. H. Smith and others

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each precinct of the Town, not less than seven days prior to March 29, 1948, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish this Warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March, 1948.

CHAS. E. WILKINSON

KENNETH C. LATHAM

Selectmen of Reading

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#### Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, March 26, 1948

By virtue of the within warrant, I, on March 20th, 1948, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified, by posting an attested copy thereof in each of the following places within said Town of Reading:

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles and Sons Store, 610 Main St.; Boston and Maine R.R. Depot; Odd Fellows Building.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Fire Station Engine 2.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.

The date of posting being more than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant. I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle, in the issue of March 25th, 1948, the same being more than one day prior to the date of the meeting.

LEON G. BENT,

Constable of Reading



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Security Hall

March 29, 1948

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:50 P.M.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be laid on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Louis Davis it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Reserve Fund provided for under Section 6 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to said Fund.

Article 3. On motion of Alexander P. Glover it was voted that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty (120) Dollars be raised and appropriated to pay into the Teachers' Retirement System for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1947 as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 4. On motion of Charles W. H. Smith it was voted that Section 2A of Article 1 of the By-laws of the Town be and the same hereby is further amended by making the Town Treasurer a Town Meeting member at large, so when amended said Section shall read as follows:

Section 2A. Any representative Town meeting held under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943, shall be limited to the voters elected under Section 3 thereof, together with the following designated as Town Meeting members at large; namely, any member of the General Court of the Commonwealth, from the Town, the Moderator, the Town Clerk, the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the School Committee, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, the Chairman of the Municipal Light Board, the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, the Chairman of Trustees of the Public Library, the Chairman of Board of Assessors, the Chairman of the Planning Board, the Chairman of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Health, the Town Accountant, the Town Counsel and the Town Treasurer.



Article 1. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be taken from the table.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die.

Adjourned 8:05 P.M.

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

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### ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Security Hall

March 29, 1948

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned session of the March 15th meeting no notice was required by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Samuel H. Davis it was voted to take Article 11 from the table.

Article 11. Samuel H. Davis moved that the Board of Health be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to enter into a contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for a term of three years and upon such other and further terms and conditions as they may determine and that the sum of Sixty-five Hundred (6500) Dollars be raised and appropriated therefor covering the year 1948.

On motion of Thomas Prentiss an amendment was proposed that the motion on Article 11 be amended by inserting the following, after the words, "as they may determine" the words, "by advertising for proposals in the Reading Chronicle and one Boston paper for two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said proposals. Such advertisements shall state the time and place and specifications of the proposed contract. All such proposals shall be opened in public." So that the motion will read as follows: Moved that the Board of Health be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to enter into a contract for the collection and disposal of garbage, for a term of three years, and upon such other and further terms and conditions as they may determine, by advertising for proposals in the Reading Chronicle and one

Boston paper for two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said proposals. Such advertisements shall state the time and place and specifications of the proposed contracts. All such proposals shall be opened in public, and that the sum of Sixty-five Hundred (6500) Dollars be raised and appropriated therefor covering the period of the year 1948.

The amendment was defeated.

The original motion by Mr. Davis carried.

Article 3. On motion of John L. Devaney it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of John L. Devaney it was voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized and requested to take such action as may be necessary to arrange printing and distributing the Annual Town Report to Town Meeting Members not later than ten days before the Annual town meeting.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 3 be laid on the table.

Article 7. Charles E. Wilkinson moved, and it was voted, that Article 7 be taken from the table.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred (500) Dollars be transferred from General Highway appropriation and a sum not exceeding One Thousand (1000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the maintenance of various streets previously constructed under Chapter 90, General Laws; and that a further sum of Fifteen Thousand (15,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the construction under Chapter 90, General Laws, of a portion of Lowell Street, provided however, that such sums received as reimbursements from the State and County shall be credited to Surplus Revenue and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to said accounts to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 15. Alexander P. Glover moved that the sum of Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand (790,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing an elementary school building to be erected on land now owned by the Town at the Southwesterly corner of Oak and Summer Avenue, and for originally equipping and furnishing the said building; and to meet said appropriation the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-nine and 75/100 (160,639.75) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from available funds in the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty and 25/100 (4360.25) Dollars be appropriated by trans-

ferring said sum from the Proceeds of Sale of Real Estate Fund, and the sum of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand (125,000) Dollars be appropriated from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote, and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) Dollars and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and the Selectmen may determine and said bonds or notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen, and the School Committee are hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of said building and to enter into all contracts and agreements in respect thereto and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

An amendment by Elbridge Lucas to appoint a special committee to supervise the building of the school was defeated.

As this was a bond issue a standing vote was required and when taken, the original motion was carried by a vote of 141 in favor to 10 opposed.

Article 16. On motion of Alexander P. Glover it was voted that the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred (13,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the transportation of school children for the year 1948.

Article 17. On motion of Alexander P. Glover it was voted that Article 17 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 18. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred (33,600) Dollars be raised and appropriated by transferring Twenty Thousand (20,000) Dollars of said sum from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Operating Account and the remaining sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred (13,600) Dollars be raised from the Tax Levy and that the total sum of Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred (33,600) Dollars be appropriated for the maintenance, repair and operation of road machinery and for the purchase by the Board of Public Works of one large tractor, two small tractors, two small dump trucks and one pick up truck and that the proceeds received from the old equipment not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars shall be appropriated in addition to the above mentioned sum of Thirty-three Thousand Six Hundred (33,600) Dollars as part of the purchase price for the above mentioned equip-

ment, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 19. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of Lowell Street from near Middlesex Avenue southeasterly toward Reading Square together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to adjourn and meet in Security Hall on Monday, April 15, 1948 at 7:45 P.M.

Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.  
A true record. Attest:

Attendance 162.

GUY W. ELLISON,  
Town Clerk

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### ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Security Hall

April 5, 1948

In the absence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk, Guy W. Ellison called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock and asked for nominations for a moderator to act at this meeting.

Kenneth C. Latham moved that Samuel H. Davis be named moderator to act at this meeting. The nomination was seconded by Charles E. Wilkinson.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis for moderator to act at this meeting.

The Town Clerk then cast one ballot for Mr. Davis.

The Town Clerk then administered the qualifying oath to Mr. Davis.

Article 3. On motion of Edward C. Emslie it was voted that Article 3 be taken from the table.

Edward C. Emslie then moved that the Board of Public Works be, and hereby is, instructed to:

1. Seek authorization in a separate article in the Town Warrant whenever it is desired to purchase any additional automotive equipment or other machinery, or to replace any similar existing equipment. Such article shall specify the nature of each piece of equipment and its expected cost; in the event that a piece of existing equipment is to be sold or traded, and the proceeds of such sale or trade-in are to be applied to the purchase price of new equipment, a description of the equipment to be disposed of shall be provided, together with its age and expected sale price or trade-in value.

2. Report in its annual report on all purchases of automotive equipment and other machinery made in the year covered by the department's report. Such report shall provide:

- a. Description and make of equipment purchased.
- b. Total cost.
- c. Description of equipment replaced, if any.
- d. Proceeds of sale, or trade-in value, of equipment replaced.

3. Provide in its Annual Report a summary of all automotive equipment and other machinery with a description of each piece of such equipment, together with its age, estimated value, and expected remaining life.

4. Seek authorization in a separate article in the Town Warrant for the expenditure of funds in connection with the contemplated extension of main sewer lines. Such article shall describe each proposed extension as to its approximate starting and finishing points, its total linear feet, and its estimated cost.

5. Seek authorization in a separate article in the Town Warrant for the expenditure of funds in connection with the contemplated extension of main water lines. Such article shall describe each proposed extension as to its approximate starting and finishing points, its total linear feet, and its estimated cost.

6. Report in its Annual Report on all expenditures in connection with each individual sewer and/or water line extension. The major items of expense such as wages, direct or apportioned salaries, pipe cost, Road Machinery Fund charges, and payments to outside contractors for contract work and/or rented equipment shall be listed separately.

Edward C. Emslie's motion was defeated on a voice vote.

Article 3. Lawrence Cate moved that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to publish as a supplement to the Annual Town Report the official valuations of Real Estate as fixed by the Board of Assessors



beginning with the year 1947. This supplement to take precedence immediately after the requirement is met that the Town Report be available before the Annual Town Meeting and may or may not be included in the same booklet as circumstances permit.

A motion by Elbridge Lucas that the matter be referred to the Board of Selectmen was defeated.

A motion by Winthrop Frazier that the original motion be amended so as to list Real Estate by each parcel was also defeated.

An amendment by Lawrence Cate that the motion read "beginning with the year 1947 **and every fifth year thereafter**" carried but the motion as amended was defeated on a rising vote 59 having voted in the negative and 51 in the affirmative.

Charles E. Wilkinson moved and it was voted that Article 3 be laid on the table.

Article 20. On motion of Harold Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private Way known as Barrows Road and adopt the recommendation contained therein, and that the sum of Two Thousand and Ninety-three (\$2,093.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: Nine Hundred and Fifty (\$950.00) Dollars for salaries and One Thousand One Hundred and Forty-three (\$1,143.00) Dollars for expenses.

## TOWN OF READING

Middlesex, ss.

March, 1948

### **Report of The Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Barrows Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessments of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town running in a South-Westerly direction from a Town way known as Lowell Street a distance of 381.24 feet to Bradford (Private) Road, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Barrows Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the South-Westerly side line of said Lowell

Street, said point being further designated as being S.49°-11' E. a distance of 152.18 feet measured along said South-Westerly side line of Lowell Street from a County Stone Bound set in said South-Westerly side line of Lowell Street;

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in a Northerly and Westerly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, by lands of Gladys Lowe Swenson, a length of 31.42 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 40°-49' W., still by lands of said Swenson, and by lands of Howard A. Hooker and Virginia M. Hooker, George M. Sweezey, and lands of Edmund C. McLaughlin, Trustee, a distance of 345.41 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the left, having a radius of 20.0 feet, still by lands of said McLaughlin, Trustee, a length of 38.05 feet to a point of tangent, situated on the North-Easterly side line of said Bradford (Private) Road;

Thence N. 31°-51'-50" W., by said North-Easterly side line of Bradford (Private) Road, a distance of 91.15 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line running South to East, having a radius of 20.0 feet, by other lands of said Edmund C. McLaughlin, Trustee, a length of 37.46 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 40°-49' E., still by lands of said McLaughlin, Trustee, and by lands of Lewis O. Poor and Josephine H. Poor, Donald W. Adler and Florence C. Adler, and Elmer Stanley Beal and Mildred M. Beal, a distance of 327.81 feet to a point of curve, said point being further designated as being located on said South-Westerly side line of Lowell Street;

Thence S. 49°-11' E., by said South-Westerly side line of Lowell Street, a distance of 80.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Barrows Road, Reading, Mass." dated January, 1948, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Barrows Road, and that the sum of Two Thousand Ninety Three (\$2,093.00) Dollars be raised and ap-

propriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman  
ALEXANDER LINDSAY  
WILLIAM J. WEBB

Members of the Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

Article 21. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private way known as John Carver Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight (\$4,998.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said Way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty (\$2,250.00) Dollars for salaries and Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-eight (\$2,748.00) Dollars for expenses.

#### **TOWN OF READING**

Middlesex, ss.

March, 1948

#### **Report of The Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of John Carver Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town way for the use of the Town running in a North-westerly direction from a town way known as Hartshorn Street a distance of 577.08 feet to a Private Way known as Woodland Street, substantially as and in the location of the Private Way known as John Carver Road formerly called Yale Avenue, the boundaries and measurements of said way so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northerly side line of said Hartshorn Street, said point being further designated as being located Easterly a length of 112.61 feet, measured along the arc of a curved line having a radius of 430.15 feet and a total length of 180.39 feet from a stone bound set at the Westerly terminus of said curved side line of Hartshorn Street;

Thence by a curved line to the left, running in an Easterly and Northerly direction having a radius of 18.78 feet by lands of Edwin Hobbs and Etta D. Hobbs, a length of 34.79 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 13°-03'-10" W., still by lands of said Edwin Hobbs et ux, lands of Stephen F. Wadsworth, James G. Murray and Sarah E. Murray, across the Easterly terminus of a Private Way known as Intervale Terrace, by other lands of said Wadsworth and by lands of Winton C. Libby and Esther R. Libby, a distance of 524.93 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Northerly and Westerly direction, having a radius of 17.70 feet, still by lands of said Libby et ux, a length of 29.96 feet to a point on the Southerly side line of said Woodland (Private) Street;

Thence turning and running N. 69°-58'-30" E., by the said Southerly side line of said Woodland (Private) Street, a distance of 20.0 feet to an angle point;

Thence N. 78°-03'-50" E., a distance of 60.01 feet to a point of curve, said last two described lines being the Northerly terminus of this layout;

Thence in a curved line running in a Westerly and Southerly direction, having a radius of 19.61 feet, by lands of James H. Grimes, Jr., a length of 31.19 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S. 13°-03'-10" E., still by lands of said Grimes, Jr., by other lands of said Stephen F. Wadsworth, and by lands of Frances E. Crock, a distance of 551.74 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Southerly and Easterly direction, still by lands of said Crock, a length of 21.99 feet to a point, said point being located on a curved line marking the Northerly side line of said Hartshorn Street;

Thence by said curved Northerly side line of Hartshorn Street running in a Westerly direction on the arc of said curve having a radius of 218.52 feet and a total length of 91.98 feet, a length of 12.50 feet to a point of reverse curve in said Northerly side line of Hartshorn Street;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, still running in a Westerly direction and still by said Northerly side line of Hartshorn Street on a curved line having a radius of 430.15 feet and a total length of 180.39 feet, a length of 67.78 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "John Carver Road, Reading, Mass." dated February, 1948, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damage will be sustained by any person or



persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named John Carver Road, and that the sum of Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight (\$4,998.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman  
ALEXANDER LINDSAY  
WILLIAM J. WEBB

Members of the Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

Article 22. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private Way known as Nichols Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-seven (\$5,277.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said Way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: Two Thousand Four Hundred (\$2,400.00) Dollars for salaries and Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven (\$2,877.00) Dollars for expenses.

#### **TOWN OF READING**

Middlesex, ss.

March, 1948

#### **Report of The Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Nichols Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a North-Easterly direction from a town way known as Summer Avenue a distance of 332.45 feet to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of a Private Way known as Nichols Road, the boundaries and measurements



of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Easterly side line of said Summer Avenue, said point being further designated as being S. 15°-45'-00" E. a distance of 204.54 feet measured along said Easterly side line of Summer Avenue from a Stone Bound set at the intersection of the Southerly side line of a town way known as Prescott Street with said Easterly side line of Summer Avenue;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Southerly and Easterly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of Henry Y. Porter, a length of 30.77 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 76°-05'-00" E., still by lands of said Henry Y. Porter, and by lands of Harold J. Corke and Irene M. Corke, and lands of Otis E. Simms and Virginia Simms, a distance of 312.03 feet to a point at land of John A. Maxim and Hazel E. Maxim, said point being further designated as being the Easterly terminus of this the Northerly side line of this layout;

Thence turning and running S. 18°-44'-00" E., by lands of said John A. Maxim et ux and by lands of Vera E. Scott, a distance of 40.14 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S. 76°-05'-00" W., by lands of William R. Saylor and Marion E. Saylor a distance of 312.84 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a Westerly and Southerly direction, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of said William R. Saylor and Marion E. Saylor, a length of 32.06 feet to a point on said Easterly side line of Summer Avenue;

Thence N. 15°-45'-00" W., along said Easterly side line of Summer Avenue, a distance of 80.04 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Nichols Road, Reading, Mass." dated February, 1948, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Nichols Road, and that the sum of

Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-seven (\$5,277.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman  
ALEXANDER LINDSAY  
WILLIAM J. WEBB

Members of the Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

Article 23. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private Way known as Pine Ridge Road and adopt the recommendation contained therein, and that the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy (\$1,770.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said Way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars for salaries and Nine Hundred and Seventy (\$970.00) Dollars for expenses.

#### **TOWN OF READING**

Middlesex, ss.

March, 1948

#### **Report of The Board of Public Works on The Laying Out of Pine Ridge Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a South-Westerly direction from the Southerly terminus of a Public Way known as Pine Ridge Road as accepted August 14, 1931, at Sylvan Road, a distance of 726.26 feet to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of the Private Way known as Pine Ridge Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at the Southerly terminus of the Westerly side line of said Public Town Way known as Pine Ridge Road as accepted August 14, 1931, said point being further designated as being S. 5°-53'-40" W. a distance of 706.66 feet, measured along said Westerly side line, from a Stone Bound set at the point of tangent of a curve with a public way known as Oak Street;

Thence S.  $5^{\circ}-53'-40''$  W., by lands of Allan H. Sturges, M. Estes Cocke, Jr., Donald J. Watters and Iva A. Watters, a distance of 385.03 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, having a radius of 2,000.00 feet, still by lands of said Donald J. Watters and Iva A. Watters, and other lands of said Sturges, a length of 187.43 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence S.  $0^{\circ}-31'-30''$  W., still by other lands of said Sturges, a distance of 155.67 feet to a point, said point being the Southerly terminus of this the Westerly side line of this layout;

Thence turning and running S.  $89^{\circ}-28'-30''$  E., by other lands of said Sturges, a distance of 40.0 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N.  $0^{\circ}-31'-30''$  E., by still other lands of said Allan H. Sturges and by lands of Frank G. Williams and Helen B. Williams, a distance of 155.67 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, having a radius of 1960.00 feet, still by lands of said Frank G. Williams and Helen B. Williams, and lands of Frank F. Marchetti and Vivien L. Marchetti, a length of 183.68 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N.  $5^{\circ}-53'-40''$  E., still by lands of said Frank F. Marchetti and Vivien L. Marchetti, lands of Emlen T. Hutchins and Mary F. Hutchins, and lands of Edward N. Johnson and Ruth J. Johnson, a distance of 365.03 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, having a radius of 20.0 feet, through lands of said Edward N. Johnson and Ruth J. Johnson, a length of 31.42 feet to a point on the Southerly side line of said Sylvan Road;

Thence turning and running N.  $84^{\circ}-06'-20''$  W., along the said Southerly side line of Sylvan Road and by the Southerly terminus of Pine Ridge Road as accepted August 14, 1931, a distance of 60.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Pine Ridge Road, Reading, Mass." dated February 1948, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known

as a Public Town Way and named Pine Ridge Road, and that the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy (\$1,770.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman

ALEXANDER LINDSAY

WILLIAM J. WEBB

Members of the Board of Public Works

Town of Reading

Article 24. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out as a Public Way of a Private Way known as Oak Ridge Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Nine Hundred and Seven (\$907.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows: Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars for salaries and Five Hundred and Seven (\$507.00) Dollars for expenses.

### **TOWN OF READING**

Middlesex, ss.

March 1948

#### **Report of The Board of Public Works on The Laying Out of Oak Ridge Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the Town running in a South-Westerly direction from the Southerly terminus of a Public Way known as Oak Ridge Road as accepted November 15, 1937 a distance of 400.00 feet to a dead end, substantially as and in the location of a Private Way known as Oak Ridge Road, the boundaries and measurements of said way as so laid out are as follows:

Beginning at the Southerly terminus of the Easterly side line of said Public Town Way known as Oak Ridge Road as accepted November 15, 1937;

Thence S. 5°-53'-40" W., by lands of Allan H. Sturges, Barbara L. Dacey, and lands of William T. Lydstone and Dorothy L. Lydstone, a distance of 400.00 feet to a point, said point being the Southerly terminus of this the Easterly side line of this layout;



Thence turning and running N. 84°-06'-20" W., by other lands of said Allan H. Sturges, a distance of 40.00 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N.5°-53'-40" E., still by other lands of said Allan H. Sturges, and lands of Frederick L. Farrell and Margaret A. Farrell, Eleanor Tilton Ray, and Ruth V. Hathaway, a distance of 400.00 feet to a point, said point being the Southerly terminus of the Westerly side line of said Oak Ridge Road as accepted November 15, 1937;

Thence turning and running S. 84°-06'-20" E., by the Southerly terminus of said Public Way known as Oak Ridge Road, a distance of 40.00 feet to the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Oak Ridge Road, Reading, Mass." dated February, 1948, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Office of the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Oak Ridge Road, and that the sum of Nine Hundred and Seven (\$907.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for said laying out and for the construction of said way.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman

ALEXANDER LINDSAY

WILLIAM J. WEBB

Members of the Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

Article 25. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that Article 25 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 26. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocation or altering of the location lines of a portion of Washington Street on the Northerly side line between Ash Street and High Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein and that the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the relocating and construction of said street, said sum to be apportioned as follows: Two Thousand and One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for salaries and One Thousand Nine Hundred (\$1,900.00) Dollars for expenses.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading, March 1948

**Report of The Board of Public Works on the  
Relocation or Alteration of The Northerly Line  
of Washington Street between Ash Street and High Street**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the Northerly line of Washington Street between Ash Street and High Street. The boundaries and measurements of said highways as so laid out, relocated or altered are as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North-Easterly side line of said High Street, said point being further designated as being S. 48°-40'-00" E., a distance of 444.46 feet measured along said North-Easterly side line of High Street from a Stone Bound set at a point of curve with the Southerly side line of a public town way known as Green Street;

Thence S. 48°-40'-00" E. along said North-Easterly side line of High Street, a distance of 34.65 feet to a Stone Bound set at the intersection of said North-Easterly side line of High Street with the Northerly side line of said Washington Street;

Thence turning and running S. 88°-20'-00" E., along said Northerly side line of Washington Street, a distance of 254.01 feet to the point of intersection of said North-Easterly side line of Washington Street with the Westerly side line of said Ash Street;

Thence N. 12°-14'-30" E., along said Westerly side line of Ash Street, a distance of 26.86 feet to a point;

Thence by a curved line running in a South-Westerly direction, having a radius of 25.00 feet, through lands of Arthur L. Gray, Inc., a length of 34.65 feet to a point of tangent;

Thence N. 88°-20'-00" W., still through lands of said Arthur L. Gray, Inc., a distance of 216.36 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a North-Westerly direction, having a radius of 70.00 feet, still through lands of said Arthur L. Gray, Inc., and lands of Leo O. Arsenault, a length of 48.46 feet to the point of beginning.

The approximate area taken is One Thousand Seven Hundred and Five and Eighty One Hundredths (1705.81) square feet.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Relocation of the Northerly Line of Washington Street between Ash Street and High Street, Reading, Mass." dated January 1948, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Superintendent, said Plan being a part of this description and being on file in the Board of Public Works of the town of Reading, Mass.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highway shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman  
ALEXANDER LINDSAY  
WILLIAM J. WEBB

Members of the Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

Article 27. On motion of Stanley H. Beaman it was voted that Article 27 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 28. On motion of Newell H. Morton it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and building as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all powers conferred therein including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation.

Article 29. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that a new committee consisting of the members of the Board of Selectmen, Charles F. Trevor and Herbert K. Miller be established for the administration and expenditure of the Salvage Fund for the purposes set forth in the Motion adopted by the Town under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting held on March 18, 1946.

Article 30. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Hundred (2500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for remodeling the building formerly used by the Welfare Department

and located on the Easterly side of John Street for the purpose of garaging the trucks and equipment of the Moth Department.

Article 33. On motion of Lloyd David it was voted that Article 33 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 34. On motion of Lloyd David it was voted that article 34 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 35. On motion of Louis Ellenwood it was voted that the subject matter of Article 35 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights, as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type, and location of existing street lights, as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the Plant.

Article 36. On motion of Lloyd David it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) be raised and appropriated for the general expenses of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee.

Article 37. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be raised and appropriated under the provisions of Section 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to appoint a Director to cooperate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs.

Article 38. On motion of Charles W. H. Smith it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$650.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 685, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 39. On motion of Charles W. H. Smith it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 American Legion.

Article 40. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 2 be taken from the table.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 3 be taken from the table.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 4 be taken from the table.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to adjourn sine die.

Adjourned 9:35 P.M.

Attendance 126.

A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

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**TOWN WARRANT**  
**For Presidential Primary**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(Seal)

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in primaries, to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town, on **Tuesday, The Twenty-seventh Day of April, 1948** at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

7 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

7 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

16 Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

16 Alternate Delegates at Large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

2 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party—8th Congressional District.

2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party—8th Congressional District.

2 District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party—8th Congressional District.

2 Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party—8th Congressional District.

District Members of State Committee (One Man and One Woman) for each political party for the Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

25 Members of the Republican Town Committee.

10 Members of the Democratic Town Committee.

The Polls will be open from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to April 27, 1948, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of April, A.D., 1948.

CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS  
KENNETH C. LATHAM

Selectmen of Reading

A true copy. Attest:

April, 1948.

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**Officer's Return**

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, April 24, 1948

By virtue of the within warrant, I, on April 17th, 1948, notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in primaries, to meet at the time and in the place designated for the four precincts of the Town, by posting an attested copy of this warrant in each of the following public places in said Town of Reading.



Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building, Lyceum Hall Building, Boston and Maine R.R. Depot, Odd Fellows Building, M. F. Charles and Sons' Store, 610 Main St.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Fire Station Engine 2, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St. the date of posting being more than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant.

I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of April 22nd, 1948, the date of publication being more than one day prior to the date of the meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

### **Presidential Primary Election**

Security Hall

April 27, 1948

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Party Primary was held at the time and place specified, and was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Charles E. Wilkinson. The Town Clerk then read the warrant and the officer's return. The ballot boxes were duly examined by the Constable in charge and found to be empty and registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 2 P.M. and were closed at 8 P.M. with the following result: 26 Democrat Votes and 180 Republican Votes for a total of 206, as follows:

#### **Seven Delegates at Large to the Republican National Convention**

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
Robert F. Bradford .....	30	38	64	40	172
Leverett Saltonstall .....	33	40	63	41	177
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. ....	31	39	63	40	173
Joseph William Martin, Jr. ....	31	39	63	40	173
Clarence A. Barnes .....	30	39	64	40	173
Katherine G. Howard .....	31	37	64	41	173
Edwin L. Olander .....	28	36	64	40	168
Blanks .....	17	12	17	5	51
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Total Votes Cast .....	231	280	462	287	1260

**Seven Alternate Delegates at Large to Republican National Convention**

Esther W. Wheeler .....	29	36	65	41	171
Carroll L. Meins .....	28	35	64	40	167
Clara F. Roberto .....	27	36	64	40	167
Richard V. Wigglesworth .....	28	36	63	41	168
Florence G. Claussen .....	27	33	64	40	164
Anne M. Zyfers .....	28	35	63	40	166
Milton P. Higgins .....	26	36	65	40	167
Blanks .....	38	33	14	5	90
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Total Votes Cast .....	231	280	462	287	1260

**Two District Delegates to the Republican National Convention  
Eighth Congressional District**

Frederick Bancroft Willis .....	13	20	30	24	87
Kenneth Hutchins .....	12	17	30	25	84
Lester W. Bowen .....	7	0	2	2	11
John W. Justice .....	4	0	2	2	8
Blanks .....	30	43	68	29	170
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Total Votes Cast .....	66	80	132	82	360

**Two Alternate District Delegates to the Republican National Convention  
Eighth Congressional District**

Ruth C. Thompson .....	12	17	30	25	84
Aurelia J. Grace .....	10	15	30	24	79
Carroll B. Bickford .....	4	0	2	2	8
Charles A. Farley .....	6	0	2	2	10
Blanks .....	34	48	68	29	179
	—	—	—	—	—
Total Votes Cast .....	66	80	132	82	360

**Republican State Committee (Man) 7th Middlesex District**

Vincent Hockmeyer .....	25	29	59	39	152
Blanks .....	8	11	7	2	28
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Total Votes Cast .....	33	40	66	41	180

**Republican State Committee (Woman) 7th Middlesex District**

Marion R. Symonds .....	29	36	60	41	166
Blanks .....	4	4	6	0	14
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Total Votes Cast .....	33	40	66	41	180

# **Republican Town Committee (Twenty-five Members)**

Oliver H. Currier .....	31	37	62	38	168
Otis L. Anderson .....	29	36	64	38	167
C. Nelson Bishop .....	30	37	63	40	170
Marcia C. Foxcroft .....	31	34	64	39	168
Betty L. Lynch .....	30	34	64	38	166
Newell H. Morton .....	33	40	65	40	178
Marion R. Symonds .....	31	37	65	40	173
Eleanor C. Bishop .....	30	35	63	39	167
Clarissa P. Blake .....	30	35	62	37	164
Edward J. Taylor .....	31	36	63	39	169
Arthur W. Coolidge .....	32	39	63	40	174
Catherine C. Gordon .....	31	37	63	39	170
Marjorie L. Schoppelry .....	31	35	64	39	169
Mollie A. Sweetser .....	33	38	64	38	173
Alfred H. Dolben .....	31	37	65	38	171
Madeleine Reed .....	30	36	63	39	168
George E. Durgin .....	32	38	64	39	173
Robert S. Ralston .....	33	39	63	38	173
Henry A. Murphy, Jr. ....	31	35	63	38	167
Louis Ellenwood .....	30	36	63	38	167
G. Warren Cochrane, Jr. ....	29	37	63	38	167
Sara G. Harnden .....	31	37	63	39	170
Jemima L. Wellman .....	31	36	63	38	168
Charles S. Hasty .....	33	36	65	39	173
Frances E. Myott .....	32	35	62	38	167
Blanks .....	49	88	64	59	260

Total Votes Cast .....	825	1000	1650	1025	4500
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## **Sixteen Delegates at Large to the Democratic National Convention**

### **Group 1**

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
John W. McCormack .....	3	8	0	1	12
James M. Curley .....	3	2	0	1	6
Thomas J. Buckley .....	3	7	0	1	11
William J. Foley .....	3	2	0	1	6
Chester A. Dolan, Jr. ....	2	4	0	1	7
Joseph E. Casey .....	3	3	0	1	7
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan .....	2	2	0	1	5
Daniel B. Brunton .....	2	2	0	1	5
Margaret M. O'Riordan .....	3	4	0	1	8
Roger L. Putnam .....	2	6	0	1	9
Maxwell B. Grossman .....	2	1	0	1	4
Francis E. Kelley .....	2	2	0	1	5
John T. McMorro	2	2	0	1	5

David J. Brickley .....	2	2	0	1	5
Joseph A. Scolponetti .....	2	2	0	1	5
Edward P. Gilgun .....	3	2	0	1	6

#### Group 2

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. ....	1	4	0	3	8
John George Asiaf .....	1	1	0	3	5
Stanley Borsa .....	0	1	0	3	4
Gerald T. Bowler .....	0	1	0	3	4
Jeremiah D. Crowley .....	1	1	0	3	5
Joseph T. Conley .....	1	1	0	3	5
Walter A. Cuffe .....	0	1	0	3	4
C. Gerald Lucey .....	1	1	0	3	5
Francis V. Matera .....	0	1	0	3	4
Harvey A. Pothier .....	0	1	0	3	4
William H. J. Rowan .....	1	1	0	3	5
Colin J. Cameron .....	0	1	0	3	4
Charles J. Artesani .....	0	0	0	3	3
Francis X. Casey .....	1	2	0	3	6
Daniel Rudsten .....	0	0	0	3	3
John M. Shea .....	1	1	0	3	5

#### Not Grouped

James A. Bowes .....	0	2	0	0	2
Francis E. Cassidy .....	0	2	0	0	2
Lawrence W. Caton .....	0	2	0	0	2
Joseph H. Downey .....	0	2	0	0	2
Leo A. Gosselin .....	0	2	0	0	2
Thomas A. Keating .....	0	2	0	0	2
Mathies LaPierre .....	0	1	0	0	1
Leo F. McGrath .....	0	1	0	0	1
James Leo O'Connor .....	0	3	0	0	3
James F. Reynolds .....	0	1	0	0	1
George W. Stanton .....	0	2	0	0	2
Alice D. Sullivan .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	65	103	32	16	216

Total Votes Cast .....	112	192	32	80	416
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#### Sixteen Alternate Delegates at Large to Democratic National Convention

##### Group 1

William R. Conley .....	2	2	0	1	5
Frank T. Y. Goon .....	3	2	0	1	6
Michael A. O'Leary .....	2	3	0	1	6
Bernard J. Killion .....	3	3	0	1	7
Clementina Langone .....	2	2	0	1	5
Michael LoPresti .....	2	2	0	1	5

Mary E. McDonald .....	3	2	0	1	6
Charles H. McGlue .....	2	2	0	1	5
Thomas F. Graham .....	2	2	0	1	5
Samuel Michelman .....	2	2	0	1	5
Rita M. Moylan .....	3	2	0	1	6
Mary Higgins .....	3	2	0	1	6
Charles Collatos .....	2	2	0	1	5
Silas F. Taylor .....	2	2	0	1	5
James T. Violette .....	2	2	0	1	5
Daniel F. Donovan .....	3	2	0	1	6

## Group 2

James A. Burke .....	1	2	0	3	6
Joseph E. Duffy .....	1	0	0	3	4
Howard B. Driscoll .....	1	0	0	3	4
Gerald P. Lombard .....	0	0	0	3	3
John J. Toomey .....	1	0	0	3	4
Robert G. Connolly .....	0	0	0	3	3
Edward J. Mulligan .....	1	0	0	3	4
James J. Twohig, Jr. ....	1	1	0	3	5
Anthony Parenzo .....	0	0	0	3	3
John G. Curley .....	1	0	0	3	4
Patrick Cronin .....	0	0	0	3	3
Harold C. Nagle .....	1	0	0	3	4
Thomas F. Reilly .....	0	0	0	3	3
John H. O'Connor, Jr. ....	0	1	0	3	4
James E. Hannon .....	0	0	0	3	3
Frank B. Oliveira .....	0	0	0	3	3

## Not Grouped

Marie F. Akey .....	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas B. Brennan .....	0	1	0	0	1
Joseph J. Buckley .....	0	0	0	0	0
John C. Carr .....	0	2	0	0	2
Lawrence E. Corcoran .....	0	0	0	0	0
Frederick M. Kelley .....	0	0	0	0	0
Ida C. McDonough .....	0	0	0	0	0
Edward McLoughlin .....	0	0	0	0	0
Wilfred J. Paquet .....	0	1	0	0	1
Luke Ryan .....	0	0	0	0	0
Anna A. Sharry .....	0	0	0	0	0
Jacob W. Shinberg .....	0	0	0	0	0
Wanda Walczak .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	66	150	32	16	264

Total Votes Cast .....	112	192	32	80	416
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**Two District Delegates to the Democratic National Convention  
Eighth Congressional District**

Burton F. Faulkner .....	5	7	2	5	19
John F. Cahill .....	6	8	2	5	21
Blanks .....	3	9	0	0	12
	—	—	—	—	—
Total Votes Cast .....	14	24	4	10	52

**Two Alternate District Delegates to the Democratic National Convention  
Eighth Congressional District**

Fred C. Harrington .....	6	8	2	5	21
John P. Clair .....	5	7	2	5	19
Blanks .....	3	9	0	0	12
	—	—	—	—	—
Total Votes Cast .....	14	24	4	10	52

**Democratic State Committee (Man) 7th Middlesex District**

Frank A. Cassidy .....	3	4	2	1	10
George B. Murphy, Jr. ....	2	3	0	2	7
Blanks .....	2	5	0	2	9
	—	—	—	—	—
Total Votes Cast .....	7	12	2	5	26

**Democratic State Committee (Woman) 7th Middlesex District**

None .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	7	12	2	5	26
	—	—	—	—	—
Total Votes Cast .....	7	12	2	5	26

**Ten Members Democratic Town Committee**

None .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	70	120	20	50	260
	—	—	—	—	—
Total Votes Cast .....	70	120	20	50	260

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The following persons served as Election Officers:

**Precinct 1**

<b>Ballot Box</b>	Ola M. Pomfret
<b>Ballot Clerk</b>	John J. Murray
<b>Checkers</b>	Catherine L. Doherty Jessie N. Thaxter
<b>Counters</b>	M. Gertrude Ballou

Mary E. Doran  
Annie C. O'Malley  
Margaret J. Curtin

**Precinct 2**

**Ballot Box** George N. Bishop  
**Ballot Clerk** Catherine E. Riley  
**Checkers** Nellie E. Whelton  
Mary C. Barrett  
Eleanor S. Michelini  
**Counters** Rose A. Gadbois  
Ethel D. Gowing  
Mary A. Painting

**Precinct 3**

**Ballot Box** Gladys R. Dickinson  
**Ballot Clerk** Minnie A. Heselton  
**Checkers** Rebecca T. Emery  
William M. Thayer  
**Counters** Edith Moses  
Frank E. Ward  
Frances S. Snyder  
Bertha L. Skinner

**Precinct 4**

**Ballot Box** Bertha A. Perkins  
**Ballot Clerk** Mabel Bennett  
**Checkers** Winifred E. McClintock  
**Counters** Eva F. Gleason  
Dorothy Williams  
Elizabeth M. Bates  
Catherine G. Doucette  
H. Nelson Bates  
Gooch Sargent  
**Tabulators** Walter A. Scanlon  
J. Robert Clark

A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON,  
Town Clerk

## TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, on **Wednesday, the Sixteenth Day of June, 1948** at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws and Zoning Map by changing the area hereinafter described from the A-2 residence district to the business district:

Beginning on the Easterly side of Pearl Street at the Northwesterly corner of the premises owned by Shirley and George R. Dugan, Jr., thence Easterly 200 feet along the Northerly boundary line of said Dugan's land;

thence turning and running southerly by a line parallel with and 200 feet distant from the Easterly boundary line of Pearl Street to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by the Town of Reading, Pearl Street School property;

thence turning and running Westerly along the Southerly boundary line of the Pearl Street School premises 200 feet to the Easterly boundary line of Pearl Street; and thence turning and running Northerly along the Easterly boundary line of Pearl Street and the point of beginning so that the above described area shall be re-zoned and changed to and become part of the business district.

Shirley M. Dugan and others

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey or abandon upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the easement consisting of a right of way for foot travel over a strip of land approximately 8 feet in width running in a general Westerly direction from Main Street to the Municipal Parking Area and through land formerly of Emma I. Chamberlain and land now of Aaron L. Levin and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute for and in behalf of the Town such conveyance or abandonment of such easement together with such other instruments and agreements

which may be necessary in connection therewith, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate from the Tax Levy or from Available Funds for prosecuting or defending the proceedings before the Department of Public Utilities relative to the price of gas sold and delivered in the Town of Reading, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Edward C. Emslie and others

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the payment of a certain unpaid account due in 1947, under authority of Section 64 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and covering an item for professional medical service for an individual aided by the Town, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Welfare

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works upon the laying out as a public way of a private way known as John Carver Road under provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, such highway being laid out in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Survey and filed in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the public way laid out by the Board of Public Works as John Carver Road and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the construction of said way, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each precinct of the Town, not less than seven days prior to June 16, 1948, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish this Warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of June, 1948.

CHAS. E. WILKINSON  
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS  
KENNETH C. LATHAM

Selectmen of Reading

A true copy. Attest:

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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June 16, 1948

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### **Officer's Return**

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, June 11, 1948

By virtue of the within warrant, I on June 9th, 1948 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn St. in said Reading as the designated place of the four precincts of the town, at the time specified in this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof on the following public places within said Town of Reading.

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station; Police Headquarters, Pleasant St.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; M. F. Charles and Sons' Store, 610 Main St.; Lyceum Hall Building; Odd Fellows' Building; Boston and Maine Railroad Depot.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Engine 2 House, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.

And I caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of June 10th, 1948, the date of posting being seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant and the date of publication being more than one day prior to said date of meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

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## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Security Hall

June 16, 1948

The hour named in the warrant having arrived the Moderator, Charles P. Howard declared the meeting in order at 8 P.M. and announced that the regular Town Clerk being absent it would be necessary to elect a clerk to act at this meeting.



G. Lawrence Roberts nominated William E. Morrison to be clerk of the meeting. Charles E. Wilkinson seconded the nomination and likewise moved that nominations be closed. It was so voted and on motion of Samuel H. Davis the Moderator was instructed to cast one ballot. He did so and declared that William E. Morrison was elected temporary Town Clerk.

William E. Morrison then came forward and was sworn in by the Moderator.

The Clerk then partially read the warrant when on motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the further reading of the warrant be dispensed with except for the officer's return, which was then read by the Clerk.

Article 3. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to take up Article 3.

Kenneth C. Latham moved that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized for and in behalf of the Town to convey or abandon for the minimum sum of one hundred (100) dollars and upon such further terms and conditions as they may determine the easement consisting of a right of way for foot travel over a strip of land approximately 8 feet in width running in a general Westerly direction from Main Street to the Municipal Parking Area and through land formerly of Emma I. Chamberlain and land now of Aaron L. Levin and said Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town such conveyance or abandonment of such easement together with such other instruments and agreements which may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

A substitute motion by Roy E. Hatfield that the subject matter of Article 3 be postponed until recommendations could be received from the Planning Board was defeated on a voice vote.

The original motion was defeated on a standing vote of 61 in the affirmative and 48 in the negative, a two thirds vote being necessary to carry the measure.

Article 1. Louis Davis, Chairman of the Salary and Wage Classification Committee, read a report of progress of the committee.

On motion of G. Lawrence Roberts the report was accepted and placed on file.

Walter D. Berry, Chairman of the Planning Board, read the report and recommendations of the Planning Board with respect to the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-Law.

Charles E. Wilkinson moved that the report be placed on file. It was so voted.

On motion of Chas. E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be laid on the table.

Article 2. Lester W. Edwards moved that the Zoning By-law and Zoning Map of the Town be and the same hereby are amended by changing the area hereinafter described from the A-2 residence district to the business district:

Beginning on the Easterly side of Pearl Street at the Northwestern corner of the premises owned by Shirley and George R. Dugan, Jr., thence Easterly 200 feet along the Northerly boundary line of said Dugan's land;

thence turning and running Southerly by a line parallel with and 200 feet distant from the Easterly boundary line of Pearl Street to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by the Town of Reading, Pearl Street School property;

thence turning and running Westerly along the Southerly boundary line of the Pearl Street School premises 200 feet to the Easterly boundary line of Pearl Street;

and thence turning and running Northerly along the Easterly boundary line of Pearl Street to the point of beginning so that the above described area shall be rezoned and changed to and become part of the business district.

This motion was defeated by a vote of 2 in the affirmative and 89 in the negative.

Article 4. Edward C. Emslie moved that the sum of Four Hundred (400) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Garbage Collection Appropriation of 1948 for the purpose of prosecuting or defending proceedings before the Department of Public Utilities relative to the price of gas sold and delivered in the Town of Reading and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

This motion was defeated by a vote of 42 in the affirmative and 53 in the negative.

Article 5. On motion of Clarence J. Stalliday it was unanimously voted that the sum of One Hundred Sixty Dollars, (\$160.00) be appropriated under authority of Section 64 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws by transferring said sum from the 1948 Public Welfare General Aid Account for the payment of a certain unpaid account due in 1947, covering professional medical service for an individual aided by the Town, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

The vote was 101 in favor, none against.

Article 6. On motion of Boyd H. Stewart it was voted that Article 6 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be taken from the table.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the meeting adjourn sine die.

Meeting adjourned 10:17 P.M.

Attendance 114.

A true record. Attest:

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Temporary Town Clerk

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**TOWN WARRANT  
FOR STATE PRIMARY**

(Seal)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town on **Tuesday, the Fourteenth Day of September, 1948** at seven o'clock, A.M. for the following purposes: To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates of Political parties for the following offices:

Governor for this Commonwealth.

Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth.

Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Treasurer and Receiver General for this Commonwealth.

Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Attorney General for this Commonwealth.

Senator in Congress for this Commonwealth.  
Representative in Congress for Eighth Congressional District.  
Councillor for Sixth Councillor District.  
Senator for Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.  
2 Representatives in General Court for Eighteenth Representative District.  
Register of Probate and Insolvency for Middlesex County.  
County Commissioners for Middlesex County (2).  
County Treasurer for Middlesex County.  
Sheriff for Middlesex County (to fill vacancy).

The polls will be open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the town not less than seven days prior to September 14, 1948, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of August, A.D., 1948.

CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS  
KENNETH C. LATHAM

Selectmen of Reading

A true copy. Attest:  
Constable of Reading.

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#### Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, September 4, 1948

By virtue of the within warrant, I, on September 1, 1948 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in the primaries, to meet in the place and at the time specified herein, by posting an attested copy of this warrant in the following places within said town.

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Police Headquarters, Pleasant St.; Central Fire Station, Pleasant St.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles & Sons' Store, 610 Main St.; Boston & Maine Railroad Depot; Odd Fellows Building, Woburn St.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 56 Mineral St.; Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Engine House No. 2, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building, Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store. 1051 Main St.

The date of posting being more than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant, and I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of September 2, 1948, the date of publication being more than one day prior to the date of the meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

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### STATE PRIMARY

Odd Fellows Building

September 14, 1948

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon, a State Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant.

The meeting was called to order by G. Lawrence Roberts.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of G. Lawrence Roberts it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered 000.

The polls were declared open by G. Lawrence Roberts.

The following persons served as Election Officers:

#### Precinct 1

<b>Ballot Box</b>	Ola M. Pomfret
<b>Ballot Clerk</b>	John J. Murray
<b>Checkers</b>	Catherine L. Doherty Jessie N. Thaxter



**Counters** M. Gertrude Ballou  
Mary E. Doran  
Annie C. O'Malley  
Margaret J. Curtin

**Precinct 2**

**Ballot Box** George N. Bishop  
**Ballot Clerk** Catherine E. Riley  
**Checkers** Nellie E. Whelton  
Mary C. Barrett  
**Counters** Rose A. Gadbois  
Ethel D. Gowing  
Mary A. Painting

**Precinct 3**

**Ballot Box** Gladys R. Dickinson  
**Ballot Clerk** Minnie A. Heselton  
**Checkers** Rebecca T. Emery  
Eleanor S. Micheline  
**Counters** Edith Moses  
Frank E. Ward  
Frances S. Snyder  
Bertha L. Skinner

**Precinct 4**

**Ballot Box** Bertha A. Perkins  
**Ballot Clerk** Mabel Bennett  
**Checkers** Eva F. Gleason  
Winifred E. McClintock  
**Counters** Mrs. Catherine Wright  
Elizabeth M. Bates  
Catherine G. Doucette  
Charles R. Herrick  
**Tabulators** Walter A. Scanlon  
J. Robert Clark

**Constable** Leon G. Bent  
A true record. Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

## Ballot of the Republican Party

Governor	Pr.	Pr.	Pr.	Pr.	Total
	1	2	3	4	
Robert F. Bradford, 106 Coolidge Hill, Cambridge	216	309	351	321	1197
Edward M. Rowe, 19 Ware Street, Cambridge .....	35	34	45	39	153
Blanks .....	5	6	3	6	20
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### Lieutenant Governor

Arthur W. Coolidge, 210 Summer Ave., Reading	249	336	392	355	1332
Blanks .....	7	13	7	11	38
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### Secretary

Frederic W. Cook, 75 Benton Rd., Somerville .....	251	334	391	360	1336
Blanks .....	5	15	8	6	34
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### Treasurer

Laurence Curtis, 15 River St., Boston.....	249	330	387	357	1323
Blanks .....	7	19	12	9	47
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### Auditor

Douglass Lawson, 1 Westhill Place, Boston .....	35	31	42	47	155
Edwin L. Olander, Jr., 21 Massasoit St., Nor'hamp'n	62	120	144	116	442
Wallace E. Stearns, 110 Gainsborough St., Boston	5	12	9	9	35
Russell A. Wood, 11 Whittier St., Cambridge .....	135	162	182	172	651
Blanks .....	19	24	22	22	87
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### Attorney General

Clarence A. Barnes, 79 Rumford Ave., Mansfield ....	248	333	387	351	1319
Blanks .....	8	16	12	15	51
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### Senator in Congress

Leverett Saltonstall, Smith St., Dover .....	254	342	395	359	1350
Blanks .....	2	7	4	7	20
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**Congressman**

Angier L. Goodwin, 52 Sheffield Rd., Melrose .....	151	232	248	234	865
Louis Corrado, 445 Essex St., Lynnfield .....	6	8	3	2	19
Howard K. Jenkins, 9 Wedgemere Rd., Medford ....	1	8	9	8	26
Walter E. Lawrence, 74 Warren St., Medford .....	90	93	132	115	430
Blanks .....	8	8	7	7	30
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**Councillor**

Victor A. Friend, 32 East Wyoming Ave., Melrose	243	331	385	348	1307
Blanks .....	13	18	14	18	63
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**Senator**

George J. Evans, 18 Morningside Rd., Wakefield	248	329	382	346	1305
Blanks .....	8	20	17	20	65
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**Representative in General Court**

Logan R. Dickie, 25 Woodward Ave., Reading .....	210	289	347	307	1153
Malcolm S. White, 125 Salem St., Woburn .....	118	199	225	172	714
Irving Appleby, Butters Row, Wilmington .....	22	34	15	25	96
Louis Ellenwood, 46 Pleasant St., Reading .....	124	134	167	171	596
Blanks .....	38	42	44	57	181
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**Register of Probate and Insolvency**

Loring P. Jordan, 12 Church St., Wakefield .....	216	263	296	275	1050
John F. Lombard, 21 Horace Rd., Belmont .....	28	66	90	75	259
Blanks .....	12	20	13	16	61
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**County Commissioners**

William G. Andrew, 472 Cambridge St., Cambridge	158	227	261	214	860
Edwin O. Childs, 340 California St., Newton .....	153	233	263	221	870
Harland J. Barnes, 21 Morey St., Lowell .....	50	49	84	81	264
Albert L. Sargent, 94 Lincoln St., Melrose .....	91	92	121	137	441
Blanks .....	60	99	69	79	305
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**County Treasurer**

Charles P. Howard, 186 Summer Ave., Reading .....	248	329	378	350	1305
Blanks .....	8	20	21	16	65
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**Sheriff**

Smith J. Adams, 1053 Middlesex St., Lowell .....	27	39	31	43	140
Paul J. Allen, 62 Albion St., Medford .....	16	16	31	19	82
Louis E. Boutwell, 72 Greenleaf St., Malden .....	146	210	268	208	832
Francis J. Cook, 381 Newtonville Ave., Newton .....	24	22	15	17	78
Frederick L. Galbraith, 4 Perry Place, Everett .....	5	9	10	15	39
Francis P. Shea, Jr., 112 Winter St., Belmont .....	1	5-	3	3	12
Horace H. Walker, 123 Grant Ave., Medford .....	9	15	16	24	64
Blanks .....	28	33	25	37	123
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**Ballot of the Democratic Party****Governor**

Paul A. Dever, 86 Buckingham St., Cambridge .....	24	23	20	20	87
Maurice J. Tobin, 30 Hopkins Road, Boston .....	11	6	2	4	23
Blanks .....	—	—	2	—	2
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**Lieutenant Governor**

Edward P. Barry, 28 Ledyard St., Wellesley .....	6	3	6	4	19
Benedict F. Fitzgerald, Jr., 399 Broadway, Ca'bri'ge .....	12	13	9	10	44
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, 23 St. Elmo Rd., Wo'ces'er .....	17	13	8	8	46
Blanks .....	—	—	1	2	3
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**Secretary**

Edward J. Cronin, 61 Cook Ave., Chelsea .....	25	19	11	13	68
Jerome Patrick Troy, 22 Chase St., Boston .....	9	9	8	10	36
Blanks .....	1	1	5	1	8
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**Treasurer**

John E. Hurley, 40 Glenrose Rd., Boston .....	33	27	23	23	106
Blanks .....	2	2	1	1	6
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**Auditor**

Thomas J. Buckley, 15 Pinckney St., Boston .....	33	26	23	21	103
Blanks .....	2	3	1	3	9
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**Attorney General**

Enrico Cappucci, 69 Faywood Ave., Boston .....	3	5	3	3	14
John F. Kelley, 15 Hollis St., Cambridge .....	8	5	4	6	23
Francis E. Kelly, 1184 Morton St., Boston .....	16	6	5	8	35
Patrick Gilbert Sullivan, 92 Codman Hill Ave., B't'n .....	8	11	10	6	35
Blanks .....	—	2	2	1	5
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**Senator in Congress**

John I. Fitzgerald, 7 Allen St., Boston .....	13	13	8	7	41
Francis D. Harrigan, 300 Bowdoin St., Boston .....	8	3	—	1	12
Joseph A. Langone, Jr., 190 North St., Boston .....	2	2	—	2	6
John D. Lynch, 20 Fairfield St., Cambridge .....	5	1	5	6	17
Richard M. Russell, 10 Charles River Sq., Boston ....	7	8	10	7	32
Blanks .....	—	2	1	1	4
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**Congressman**

Meyer Imperiale, 117 Maple St., Malden .....	16	8	4	9	37
Anthony M. Roche, 32 Clark St., Medford .....	15	16	19	14	64
Blanks .....	4	5	1	1	11
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**Councillor**

John F. Casey, 6 Pleasant Ave., Somerville .....	14	7	9	12	42
James Michael O'Meara, 9 Dickinson St., So'ervi'e .....	17	15	10	11	53
Blanks .....	4	7	5	1	17
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**Senator**

None .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	35	29	24	24	112

**Representatives in General Court**

Charles Edward Farrey, 2A Brentwood Rd., Wo'u'n .....	26	20	14	21	81
None .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	44	38	34	27	143

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**Register of Probate and Insolvency**

John J. Butler, 6 Bartley St., Wakefield .....	30	23	20	22	95
Blanks .....	5	6	4	2	17
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**County Commissioners**

James A. Cullen, 82 Beacon St., Winchester .....	28	22	14	22	86
None .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	42	36	34	26	138
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**County Treasurer**

None .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	35	29	24	24	112

**Sheriff**

Patrick J. Brennan, 312 Cambridge St., Cambridge	10	7	7	7	31
Roger Joseph Kane, 84 South Highland St., Lowell	7	8	3	1	19
John W. Kelleher, 94 Viola St., Lowell .....	13	7	7	7	34
Horace H. Walker, 123 Grant Ave., Medford .....	3	4	6	8	21
Blanks .....	2	3	1	1	7
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The votes were declared in open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping. Voted to adjourn, sine die, 11:00 P.M. September 14, 1948.

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Sept. 27, 1948

**TOWN WARRANT**

(SEAL)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in

said Reading, on **Monday, the Twenty-seventh Day of September, 1948** at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Water Department, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 3. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise for the purpose of laying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter and for the development of additional wells including the suction mains or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 4. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Maintenance of Dumps Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 5. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the available funds and transfer to the Road Machinery Operating Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works.

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Snow and Ice Account, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Public Works

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948, being an Act Authorizing Increases of the Amounts of Pensions Payable to Certain Former Public Employees who have been Retired, and to Beneficiaries of Certain Retired Public Employees, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Contributory Retirement Board

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Welfare to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the 1940 Ford Station Wagon of the Welfare Department; to see what disposition the Town will make of the proceeds thereof and to see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds for the purchase of a new station wagon for the Welfare Department, or what it will in relation thereto. Board of Public Welfare

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or otherwise and appropriate for extending and enlarging the Municipal Light Plant by the Installation of new feeder switches to replace present switches of insufficient capacity, rebuild present transformer

switches, install steel cubicles and switches, install additional cable from the Stoneham-Reading Line to the Power Station and such other appliances and equipment which may be necessary in connection therewith, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$101.66 by transferring said sum from the remaining balance in the Junior High School Construction Account to the appropriation for the construction of the new elementary school on Summer Avenue and Oak Street, or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each precinct of the Town not less than seven days prior to September 27, 1948, the date set for the meeting in said Warrant, and to publish this Warrant in the Reading Chronicle, one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of September, 1948.

CHARLES E. WILKINSON  
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS  
KENNETH C. LATHAM

Selectmen of Reading

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**Officer's Return**

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, September 24, 1948

By virtue of the within warrant, I, on September 18th, 1948 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the place and at the time specified by posting an attested copy thereof in the following places within said town.

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station, Pleasant St.; Police Headquarters, Pleasant St.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles and Sons' Store, 610 Main St.; Boston and Maine Railroad Depot; Odd Fellows Building.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.; Ben-ny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Fire Station No. 2, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.

the date of posting being more than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant, and I caused an attested copy of this Warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of September 23, 1948, the date of publication being more than one day prior to date of meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

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### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Security Hall

September 27, 1948

In the absence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk, Guy W. Ellison, called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock and asked for nominations for a moderator to act at this meeting.

Charles E. Wilkinson moved that Samuel H. Davis be named moderator to act at this meeting. The nomination was seconded by Kenneth C. Latham.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that nominations be closed.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis for moderator to act at this meeting.

The Town Clerk then cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis.

The Town clerk then administered the qualifying oath to Samuel H. Davis.

Article 1. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that Article 1 be laid on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Water Available Surplus to the Water Depaartment Account for materials and expenses and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 3. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars be raised and appro-

appropriated for the purpose of laying Water Mains of not less than six (6) inches but less than sixteen (16) inches in diameter and for the development of additional Wells including Suction Mains of which sum Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars is for salaries and Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars is for materials and expenses and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, therefor, payable in not more than ten (10) years from the date thereof or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

100 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 4. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred (\$600) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Old Age Assistance Account to the Maintenance of Dumps Account for salaries and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 5. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$3,500) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Operating Account for materials and expenses and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 6. On motion of Harold W. Putnam it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars be appropriated as follows: One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars from the unexpended balance in the Garbage Collection Account and One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars from the unexpended balance in the Old Age Assistance Account and transfer said sums to the Snow and Ice Account for materials and expenses and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to said account.

Article 7. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the provisions of Chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948, being an Act Authorizing Increases of the Amounts of Pensions Payable to Certain Former Public Employees who have been Retired, and To Beneficiaries of Certain Retired Public Employees, be and the same hereby are accepted.

Article 8. On motion of Clarence J. Stalliday it was voted that the Board of Public Welfare be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the 1940 Ford Station Wagon of the Welfare Department and that the sum of Twenty-four Hundred (\$2,400.00) Dollars together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange be appropriated, by transferring



said sum from the unexpended balance in the Old Age Assistance Account, for the purchase of a new station wagon for the Welfare Department and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 9. On motion of Joseph H. Reed it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized and empowered to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by the installation of 15 new feeder switches to replace present switches of insufficient capacity, rebuild present transformer switches, install 2 steel cubicles and switches, install additional cable from the Stoneham-Reading line to the Power Station and such appliances and equipment which may be necessary in connection therewith and that there be raised and appropriated for the above purpose the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars in addition to the amount which may be available in the Depreciation Fund, to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the above purpose; and that the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and directed with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow said sum of \$100,000.00 and to issue therefor bonds or notes of the Town, such bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and all amendments thereof and additions thereto, so that the whole loan shall be payable in not more than twenty years from date of the first bond or note issued or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Board of Selectmen may determine.

111 voted in the affirmative. 0 voted in the negative.

Article 10. On motion of Boyd H. Stewart it was voted that the sum of \$101.66 be appropriated by transferring said sum from the remaining balance in the Junior High School Construction Account to the appropriation for the construction of the new Elementary School on Summer Avenue and Oak Street, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

Article 1. On motion of Joshua T. Day, Jr. it was voted to accept the Wage and Hours Classification Committee's report of progress and that further time be granted them until the next Town Meeting.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 1.

On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to adjourn, Sine die.  
Adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Attest:

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

## WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION

(Seal)

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town on **Tuesday, The Second Day of November, 1948** at seven o'clock A.M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for:

Electors of President and Vice President for this Commonwealth.

Governor for this Commonwealth.

Lieutenant Governor for this Commonwealth.

Secretary of The Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Treasurer for this Commonwealth.

Auditor of The Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Attorney-General for this Commonwealth.

Senator in Congress for this Commonwealth.

Representative in Congress for the Eighth Congressional District.

Councillor for Sixth Councillor District.

Senator for Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Two Representatives in General Court for Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

Register of Probate and Insolvency for Middlesex County.

County Commissioners (2) for Middlesex County.

County Treasurer for Middlesex County.

Sheriff for Middlesex County (To fill vacancy).

Also to vote YES or NO in answer to the following questions:

### Question No. 1

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the consti-

tution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 28, 1945, received 227 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 232 votes in the affirmative and 8 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

#### Summary

This proposed amendment to the Constitution adds to the declaration of the rights of the inhabitants, as now set forth in the Constitution, the following: "The right of free speech shall not be abridged."

#### Question No. 2

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 220 votes in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 228 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

#### Summary

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides that the use of revenue from fees, duties, excises or license taxes relating to the registration, operation or use of vehicles on public highways or to fuels used for propelling such vehicles, except revenue from any excise tax imposed for the privilege of registering such vehicles in lieu of local property taxes, shall be for highway purposes only.

#### Question No. 3

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 6, 1946, received 243 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 3, 1948, received 231 votes in the affirmative and 9 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

#### Summary

This is an amendment of Article XVII of the Amendments to the

Constitution. It provides that in case of a failure to elect the secretary, treasurer and receiver general, auditor or attorney general of the Commonwealth, or in case of the death of a person elected to any of such offices between the day of election and the third Wednesday of the following January, such an officer shall be chosen by a joint ballot of the senators and representatives from the people at large, instead of from the two persons who had the highest number of votes at the election as is now required. It also provides that if there is a vacancy in any of such offices during a session of the Legislature the vacancy shall be filled in like manner by choice from the people at large, but if the vacancy occurs at any other time it shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

**Question No. 4**

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 84 in the affirmative and 130 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 15 in the affirmative and 22 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

**Summary**

This measure by amending General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 272, Section 21 provides that the provisions of Sections 20 and 21 of said Chapter 272 which makes it an offense to advertise or give information as to the procurement of means for the prevention of pregnancy or conception shall not apply to treatment or prescription given to married women by registered physicians for protection of life or health.

**Question No. 5**

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 5 in the affirmative and 203 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 0 in the affirmative and 36 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

**Summary**

This measure prohibits the denial of the opportunity to obtain or retain employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization and prohibits agreements which exclude any person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization. Violation of the provisions of the measure is made an

offense punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.

#### **Question No. 6**

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 82 in the affirmative and 126 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 20 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

#### **Summary**

This measure requires that election of officers of labor organizations shall be held at least annually. Sixty days' notice of a regular election and twenty days' notice of an election to fill one or more vacancies are required to be given by public announcement at a regular meeting, by notice in writing to each member, or in any other adequate manner. Candidates to be voted for must be nominated by a paper signed by ten members filed at least thirty days before a regular election and at least ten days before an election to fill a vacancy.

The voting at such an election must be by secret written or printed ballot. Watchers appointed by nominating members and by union officers may be present during the voting and counting of ballots.

Coercion and intimidation of members in connection with an election is prohibited, and violations of the provisions of the measure are made punishable by fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days or both.

#### **Question No. 7**

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 95 in the affirmative and 110 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 14 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative?

YES	
NO	

#### **Summary**

This measure prohibits the calling of a strike by a labor organization in any business or plant or unit thereof, except when authorized by the vote of the majority of all the members of the organization employed in the business, plant or unit thereof. Such authorization is to be expressed by a secret written or printed ballot at a meeting called for that purpose.



The Labor Relations Commission is authorized to make rules for the conduct of the voting. Within twenty-four hours after the voting the labor organization conducting it shall make a written report of the result to the commission, which shall be a permanent public record. If no report is filed the vote taken shall be void and a person making a false report shall be guilty of perjury.

Coercion and intimidation of members of a labor organization in connection with such voting is made a penal offense.

### Question No. 8

Is it desirable that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States,—

#### “ARTICLE—

“Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or Acting as President during the remainder of such term.

Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress,”

—be ratified by the General Court?

YES	
NO	

### Question No. 9

A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES	
NO	

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and other malt beverages)?

YES	
NO	

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	
NO	

The polls will be open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the town not less than seven days prior to November 2, 1943, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of October, A.D. 1948.

CHARLES E. WILKINSON

G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS

KENNETH C. LATHAM

Selectmen of Reading

A True Copy. Attest:

Constable of Reading

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**Officer's Return**

Middlesex, ss.

Reading, October 30, 1948

By virtue of this warrant, I, on October 25, 1948 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections to meet in the place and at the time specified in this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof in the following public places within said Town of Reading:

Precinct 1. Austin's Lunch Room, 17 Harnden St.; The Danforth Pharmacy, 1 Harnden St.; Central Fire Station, Pleasant St.; Police Headquarters, Pleasant St.

Precinct 2. Masonic Temple Building; Lyceum Hall Building; M. F. Charles and Sons' Store, 610 Main St.; Boston and Maine Railroad Depot; Odd Fellows Building.

Precinct 3. Waterhouse's Neighborhood Store, 36 Mineral St.;

Benny's Neighborhood Store, 168 Lowell St.; Engine 2 House, Woburn St.

Precinct 4. Municipal Building; Zitzow's Neighborhood Store, 287 Lowell St.; McLaughlin's Neighborhood Store, 1051 Main St.

the date of posting being more than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting in this warrant and I also caused an attested copy of this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle in the issue of October 28, 1948, the same being more than one day prior to the date of the meeting.

LEON G. BENT

Constable of Reading

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### STATE ELECTION

Odd Fellows Building

November 2, 1948

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant and the Constable's return thereon a State Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant.

The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Wilkinson.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constables' return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered 000.

The polls were declared open by Charles E. Wilkinson.

The following persons were appointed by the Selectmen to serve as election officers and were duly sworn by the Town Clerk:

#### Precinct 1

<b>Ballot Box</b>	Ola M. Pomfret
<b>Ballot Clerk</b>	John J. Murray
<b>Checkers</b>	Catherine L. Doherty Jessie N. Thaxter Jemima W. Clapperton Susan Kelley
<b>Counters</b>	M. Gertrude Ballou Mary E. Doran Agnes Ratchford

Margaret J. Curtin  
Ethel D. Gowing  
Marie Day  
Eleazer Griffiths  
Olive R. Gunn

#### **Precinct 2**

<b>Ballot Box</b>	George N. Bishop
<b>Ballot Clerk</b>	Catherine E. Riley
<b>Checkers</b>	Martha Stark Eleanor S. Michelini Nellie E. Whelton Mary C. Barrett
<b>Counters</b>	Annie C. O'Malley Rose A. Gadbois Mary A. Painting K. Helen Doherty Catherine Doucette Arthur H. Dodge Mary C. Zitzow Theresa M. Squires Marguerite L. Sullivan

#### **Precinct 3**

<b>Ballot Box</b>	Gladys R. Dickinson
<b>Ballot Clerk</b>	Minnie A. Heselton
<b>Checkers</b>	Rebecca T. Emery Ina M. Berquist Norma P. Perley Catherine V. Wright
<b>Counters</b>	Edith Moses Frank E. Ward Frances S. Snyder Bertha L. Skinner Grace E. Wooldridge Phyllis A. Buck Mrs. Olive L. Sellars Mrs. Harriette E. MacPherson William N. Thayer Effie B. Gibson

## Precinct 4

**Ballot Box**      Bertha A. Perkins

**Ballot Clerk**   Mabel Bennett

**Checkers**        Mary C. Horrocks  
                       Flora B. Pooch  
                       Eva F. Gleason  
                       Winifred E. McClintock

**Counters**        Elizabeth M. Bates  
                       Harold Creamer  
                       Lily M. Sawyer  
                       Dorothy Williams  
                       Esther Hodgkins  
                       Lillian M. Kelly

**Counters—Extra, No Precinct—**Donald T. Patrick

### Tabulators

Harold M. Flater	Arthur J. Doucette
Walter A. Scanlon	J. Robert Clark
Louis Bacigalupo	Sylvester S. Spellman
Christine F. Atkinson	Mildred J. Gray
Sumner E. Ralston	Ralph J. Robbins
Nils Nordberg	Lillian Sullivan
Herbert K. Miller	James R. Mercer, Jr.
Arthur Harris	

**Constable**      Leon G. Bent

The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M. with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast — 6544

### Electors of President and Vice President

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
Dewey and Warren, Republican .....	1035	1151	1235	1298	4719
Teichart and Emery, Socialist Labor ....	1	1	0	3	6
Truman and Barkley, Democratic .....	554	420	307	354	1635
Wallace and Taylor, Progressive .....	21	12	9	15	57
Watson and Learn, Prohibition .....	2	2	0	0	4
Blanks .....	28	27	42	26	123
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**Governor**

Robert F. Bradford of Cambridge (Rep.)	971	1129	1187	1254	4541
Paul A. Dever of Cambridge (Dem.) .....	645	453	384	429	1911
Horace I. Hillis of Saugus (Soc. Labor) ....	4	5	4	2	15
Mark R. Shaw of Melrose (Proh.) .....	1	4	3	1	9
Blanks .....	21	22	15	10	68
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**Lieutenant Governor**

Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading (Rep.) ....	1178	1258	1329	1396	5161
Chas. F. Jeff Sullivan, Worcester (Dem.)	431	319	241	275	1266
Lawrence Gilfedder of Boston (Soc. Lab.)	2	2	2	5	11
Guy S. Williams of Worcester (Proh.) ....	0	6	4	4	14
Blanks .....	31	28	17	16	92
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**Secretary**

Frederick W. Cook of Somerville (Rep.)	1132	1238	1321	1390	5081
Edward J. Cronin of Chelsea (Dem.) .....	445	328	230	270	1270
Gote E. Palmquist of Boston (Soc. Lab.)	11	9	6	5	31
Blanks .....	54	38	36	31	159
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**Treasurer**

Laurence Curtis of Boston (Rep.) .....	1044	1178	1254	1316	4792
John E. Hurley of Boston (Dem.) .....	530	389	294	341	1554
Harold J. Ireland of Worcester (Proh.) ....	15	3	2	5	25
Malcolm T. Rowe of Lynn (Soc. Lab.) ....	5	1	4	3	13
Blanks .....	48	42	39	31	160
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**Auditor**

Thomas J. Buckley of Boston (Dem.) .....	661	520	422	466	2069
Russell A. Wood of Cambridge (Rep.) ....	916	1034	1113	1182	4245
Robert A. Simmons of Boston (Proh.) ....	6	13	4	4	27
Francis A. Votano of Lynn (Soc. Lab.) ....	8	3	5	3	19
Blanks .....	51	43	49	41	184
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### Attorney General

Clarence A. Barnes of Mansfield (Rep.)	1058	1186	1293	1340	4877
Francis E. Kelly (Dem.) of Boston .....	519	360	246	314	1439
Anthony Martin of Boston (Soc. Lab.) ....	10	13	4	6	33
Blanks .....	55	54	50	36	195
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### Senator in Congress

Leverett Saltonstall of Dover (Rep.) .....	1165	1257	1328	1411	5161
John I. Fitzgerald of Boston (Dem.) .....	426	316	227	259	1228
Henning A. Blomen of Boston (Soc. Lab.)	5	8	3	4	20
E. Talmadge Root of Somerville (Proh.)	1	1	2	1	5
Blanks .....	45	31	33	21	130
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### Congressman

Angier L. Goodwin of Melrose (Rep.) ....	1096	1197	1280	1335	4908
Anthony M. Roche of Medford (Dem) ....	480	351	257	315	1403
Blanks .....	66	65	56	46	233
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### Councillor

Victor A. Friend of Melrose (Rep.) .....	1058	1181	1274	1331	4844
John F. Casey of Somerville (Dem.) .....	486	353	254	301	1394
Blanks .....	98	79	65	64	306
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### Senator

George J. Evans of Wakefield (Rep.).....	1303	1323	1354	1433	5413
Blanks .....	339	290	239	263	1131
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### Representatives in General Court

Logan R. Dickie of Reading (Rep.) .....	1231	1280	1319	1426	5256
Malcolm S. White of Woburn (Rep.) .....	889	1016	1080	1112	4097
Charles Edward Farrey, Woburn (Dem.)	477	364	292	307	1440
Blanks .....	687	566	495	547	2295
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**Register of Probate and Insolvency**

Loring P. Jordan of Wakefield (Rep.) .....	1047	1160	1263	1318	4788
John J. Butler of Wakefield (Dem.) .....	502	365	258	303	1428
Blanks .....	93	88	72	75	328

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6544**County Commissioners**

William G. Andrew of Cambridge (Rep.)	1091	1174	1252	1300	4817
Edwin O. Childs of Newton (Rep.) .....	929	1032	1110	1154	4225
James A. Cullen of Winchester (Dem.) ....	535	414	309	354	1612
Blanks .....	729	606	515	584	2434

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13088**County Treasurer**

Charles P. Howard of Reading (Rep.) ....	1378	1395	1421	1512	5706
(Dem.) .....	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
Blanks .....	264	218	172	184	838

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6544**Sheriff**

Louis E. Boutwell of Malden (Rep.) .....	1049	1173	1254	1305	4781
Patrick J. Brennan of Cambridge (Dem.)	484	357	245	299	1385
Blanks .....	109	83	94	92	378

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6544**Question No. 1 — Free Speech**

Yes .....	1199	1261	1276	1325	5061
No .....	178	128	128	139	573
Blanks .....	265	224	187	232	910

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6544**Question No. 2 — License Taxes**

Yes .....	1183	1255	1287	1313	5038
No .....	203	133	143	159	638
Blanks .....	256	225	163	224	868

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**Question No. 3 — Vacancy**

Yes .....	1104	1192	1225	1212	4733
No .....	189	140	121	169	619
Blanks .....	349	281	247	315	1192
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**Question No. 4 — Prevention**

Yes .....	784	980	1012	1033	3809
No .....	716	511	499	542	2268
Blanks .....	142	122	82	121	467
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**Question No. 5 — Labor Organization**

Yes .....	507	666	682	714	2569
No .....	900	748	734	759	3141
Blanks .....	235	199	177	223	834
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**Question No. 6 — Election of Labor Officers**

Yes .....	666	859	862	866	3253
No .....	743	548	533	596	2420
Blanks .....	233	206	198	234	871
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**Question No. 7 — Calling of a Strike**

Yes .....	688	870	879	901	3338
No .....	720	545	525	556	2346
Blanks .....	234	198	189	239	860
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**Question No. 8 — President More Than Twice**

Yes .....	933	1056	1133	1063	4185
No .....	400	301	253	338	1292
Blanks .....	309	256	207	295	1067
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**Question No. 9**

**A — Whiskey**

Yes .....	399	331	305	336	1371
No .....	1059	1119	1138	1214	4530
Blanks .....	184	163	150	146	643
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**B — Wines**

Yes .....	398	342	270	337	1347
No .....	1045	1085	1150	1194	4474
Blanks .....	199	186	173	165	723
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**C — Packages**

Yes .....	732	671	582	626	2611
No .....	791	831	919	974	3515
Blanks .....	119	111	92	96	418
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The votes were declared in Open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn, sine die, 2:30 A.M., November 3, 1948.

Attest: GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

Saturday, November 6, 1948

Attested copies of the election results were this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and to the County Commissioners at East Cambridge.

The ballot box on Precinct 4 jammed a number of times, with the result that it recorded 4 more votes than were cast.



**Recount of Votes for Representative in Congress  
in the Eighth Congressional District**

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Pursuant to a Petition from Anthony M. Roche a Recount of Votes was held by the Registrars in Room 2, Municipal Building at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 21, 1948 with the following results:

**Original**

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
Angier L. Goodwin .....	1096	1197	1280	1335	4908
Anthony M. Roche .....	480	351	257	315	1403
Blanks .....	66	65	56	46	233
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Totals .....	1642	1613	1593	1696	6544

**Recount**

Angier L. Goodwin .....	1089	1195	1272	1331	4887
Anthony M. Roche .....	487	353	266	320	1426
Blanks .....	66	65	55	45	231
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Totals .....	1642	1613	1593	1696	6544

Angier L. Goodwin lost 21 votes.

Anthony M. Roche gained 23 votes.

Blanks lost 2 votes.

GUY W. ELLISON

Town Clerk

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Mr. Francis X. Long  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporation and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Reading for the period from June 16, 1946, the date of the previous examination, to November 15, 1947, and, in addition, have installed a system of accounts as petitioned for by a vote of the town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws, the fol-

lowing report being submitted thereon:

An examination and verification was made of the recorded financial transactions of the town as shown on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money or committing bills for collection.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked with the treasurer's books and with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town.

The appropriations and transfers as entered in the ledger were checked with the town clerk's record of appropriations and transfers voted by the town and with the records of the finance committee of transfers from the reserve fund.

The ledgers were analyzed, the necessary adjusting entries were made, and a balance sheet was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 15, 1947.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed and the receipts as recorded were compared with the town accountant's books and with the records in the various departments collecting money for the town, while the payments were compared with the approved warrants. The cash balance on November 15, 1947 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by examination of a savings bank book, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The transactions of the several trust, investment, and retirement funds in the custody of the town treasurer were verified, and the securities and savings bank books representing the investment of these funds were personally examined and listed.

The deductions from employees' salaries and wages for federal taxes and Blue Cross were listed and reconciled with the amounts due and paid to the federal government and to the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc.

The reported payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The treasurer's records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked in detail. The taxes transferred to the tax title accounts were compared with the town collector's books, the recorded redemptions on account of tax titles were checked to the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles foreclosed were verified. The tax titles held on November 15, 1947 were listed and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The outstanding accounts at the time of the previous audit and all subsequent commitments of taxes, motor vehicle and trail-

er excise, assessments, departmental, and water charges were analyzed and checked. The collections as recorded on the cash books were compared with the postings on the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's records, the abatements were checked with the assessors' and departmental records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the control accounts as shown in the accountant's ledger.

Considerable time was consumed in checking the accounts of the water department prior to the time the accounts were committed to the town collector for collection.

The assessors' records of abatements granted were reconciled with the town collector's books and with the accountant's ledger. The assessors' warrants for the commitment of taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, assessments, and water liens were examined and checked with the detailed lists. The records of apportioned assessments were examined, and the apportioned assessments not due were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

The records of the selectmen for licenses and permits issued were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The town clerk's records of dog, sporting, and the town licenses issued and of fees collected were examined and checked, the payments to the town treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book and the town accountant's ledger.

The surety bonds furnished by the several officials of the town for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts of the police department on account of ambulance fees, bicycle registrations, and miscellaneous collections were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, and the cash on hand on December 26, 1947 was verified.

The records of the building inspector on account of receipts for permits issued were examined and checked. The applications were checked to the cash book, the cash book was added, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures were examined, the field books being checked to the office books, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures were examined, the field books being checked to the office books, and the payments to the treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book. The cash on hand on December 19, 1947 was verified.

The books and accounts of the health department were examined and checked in detail. The receipts from milk, oleomargarine, and

miscellaneous licenses issued were compared with the recorded payments to the treasurer, and the cash on hand on December 19, 1947 was verified.

The records of receipts of the school department on account of cafeteria lunches, etc., were examined and checked with the payments to the treasurer, and the cash on hand on January 15, 1948 was verified.

The receipts of the library department from fines were checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the municipal light department were examined and checked. The cash book showing the daily receipts was analyzed and compared with the payments to the treasurer as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, the discounts and abatements were verified, the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's controlling accounts, and the cash on hand on December 27, 1947 was verified.

The records of guarantee deposits for electric light services were examined. The refunds to depositors were verified and the balances on hand were reconciled with the books of the municipal light department and of the town accountant.

The records of guarantee deposits for sewer house connections were examined. The refunds to depositors and transfers to the town were verified, and the balances on hand were reconciled with the accountant's books.

The records of receipts of the cemetery department on account of the sale of lots and graves, annual care, interments, etc., were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

In order to verify the outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, departmental, municipal light, and water accounts, verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the records as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, assessment, tax title, tax possession, departmental, municipal light, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the various trust, investment, and retirement funds.

The books and accounts under the new system of accounts were opened as of January 1, 1948.

A list of the books and forms provided for the town, together with a brief description of their use and certain general instructions relative to the keeping of the accounts, follows:

#### Journal for Town Accountant

Cash book for Town Accountant  
Ledger for Town Accountant  
Classification book for Town Accountant  
Cash book for Treasurer  
Check register for Treasurer  
Schedule of department bills payable  
Treasury warrants  
Schedule of Collector's payments to Treasurer  
Schedule of departmental payments to Treasurer  
Schedule of Treasurer's receipts  
Schedule of tax abatements allowed  
Schedule of motor vehicle and trailer excise abatements  
Voucher folder  
General department payrolls  
School department payrolls  
Monthly statements  
Departmental bills

All of these books and forms are arranged so as to simplify the reporting and making possible a proper check on the accounting of public moneys; also to insure a classification of both receipts and payments. All moneys received from every source and paid to the treasurer are also reported to the town accountant, in whose book will be recorded all cash transactions in detail which will furnish an absolute check on the total.

**Journal** — This is a bound book of the ordinary two-column stock type. It forms, together with the cash book, the medium from which all entries in the general ledger are posted, as it is of vital importance that no entry shall be originated in the general ledger.

The journal is used for keeping a record of the debiting and crediting of items in the ledger, such as opening entries, budget appropriation entries, the entering of tax commitments, the abatement of taxes, accounts receivable, and all entries which are not strictly cash book transactions.

It is important that all journal entries state clearly the ledger accounts which are to be debited and credited; also that a full explanation of the entry be made, in order that the transactions may be fully understood by any one examining the accounts.

**Cash Book (for Town Accountant)** — This is a bound book similar to those used in ordinary commercial accounting; in this book should



be entered all transactions involving the receipt of or the disbursement of cash, in order that the total transactions for a given period may be shown at a glance.

All moneys received from every source will be reported to the Town Accountant; therefore, in the latter's cash book will be recorded cash transactions which are similar to those of the treasurer except in detail, and which will furnish an absolute check on the total.

**Ledger** — This is of the loose-leaf type; when the several sheets are properly arranged and placed in the binder provided for the purpose, they form the general ledger, in which are recorded, in controlling accounts, all of the financial transactions of the town.

The accounts in the general ledger are separated and grouped in sections, as follows:

First, Assets and liabilities

Second, Revenue accounts

Third, Appropriation accounts

Fourth, Funded or fixed debt

Fifth, Trust, investment and retirement funds

From the ledger, information relative to the condition of the several appropriations may be obtained readily and the administrative officers may keep constantly informed of the amounts expended; also of the amounts available for the balance of the year. This information is very necessary in view of the statute which expressly forbids the incurring of liabilities in excess of the appropriations made for the use of the several departments; unless the work is well planned, it will be found that the appropriations will be exhausted before the end of the year, with much needed work still to be done.

**Classification Book** — This book consists of loose-leaf forms with printed headings covering the chief sources from which revenue is received and objects for which money is expended, with blank spaces which allow for additional headings to cover important items that may seem desirable. These sheets are arranged in functional order and placed in a binder provided for the purpose, thus forming the principal source of detailed information regarding the receipts and disbursements of the town. They are arranged in a classified form that is generally accepted and adopted by accountants and students of municipal affairs. Provision is made for the recording of the date of the receipt, from whom received, and the source.

On the payment side will be shown the date of the bill, to whom paid, and the purpose or object of payment.

From this book definite information can readily be obtained of every cash transaction of the town, but its chief object is to furnish

classification in a scientific manner, regardless of the method of making appropriations.

This book is also designed to bring the costs of each particular function or service together, so that by knowing the facts and intelligently comparing them with the service given, the taxpayer may judge of the efficiency or inefficiency of the administrative officers.

**Cash Book (for Treasurer)** — This is a book especially designed for the recording of all of the cash receipts and disbursements of the treasury department in one book.

**Cash Register (for Treasurer)** — This book consists of loose-leaf forms which, placed in the binder provided for the purpose, form the book in which all the transactions with the banks are recorded. It will show at a glance the condition of the accounts in any of the depositories of the Town.

**Schedule of Bills Payable** — On these sheets each department should list all bills approved for payment, and should forward them, accompanied by the original bills, to the town accountant. From these the treasury warrants are prepared.

**Treasury Warrants** — These are for listing the bills of the several departments. Warrants are submitted to the selectmen, together with the bills, for their approval, the bills first having been checked by the town accountant and compared with the several appropriation accounts to which they are chargeable. The selectmen having signed the warrant, it is passed to the treasurer as his authority for payment.

Under the statute, the selectmen are required to approve bills before they are paid by the treasurer, and by using the treasury warrant they can give greater attention to the bills and appropriation accounts without consuming additional time.

**Schedule of Collector's Payments to Treasurer** — These are especially designed forms for the reporting to the town accountant of payments made to the treasurer by the collector. From these reports the town accountant is enabled to classify properly the collector's receipts and verify the receipts reported by the treasurer.

**Schedule of Departmental Payments to Treasurer** — This form is for the use of departments, except those for which special forms are prepared, for reporting payments to the treasurer.

**Schedule of Treasurer's Receipts** — The Treasurer will use these forms in reporting the cash receipts to the town accountant. They form the basis of the debit entries in the town accountant's cash book, and together with the schedules of payments to the treasurer, serve as an automatic check on the cash account, furnishing the accountant with the necessary information for keeping his accounts up to date at all

times, and also enabling statements to be drawn off showing actual cash transactions. By the use of printed forms for the reporting of all items involving cash, but little time is required for reporting the same.

**Departmental Bills** — These are bound in book form and are made out in triplicate by all general departments against persons from whom money is due the town for the sale of materials or for services rendered. One copy is sent to the person to be charged, as a demand for the payment of the bill, another is given to the treasurer as his collection record, and the third, which is not detachable, remains in the book as the copy of the department.

**Schedule of Tax Abatements Allowed** — This form is for the use of the assessors in reporting abatements to the town accountant, so that he may credit the collector with these items in addition to his cash payments to the treasurer. On the town accountant's book, the collector is charged with the commitment and credited with collections paid the treasurer; if to the collections are added abatements allowed, the town accountant's ledger will show in his collector's account the exact amount of outstanding taxes.

**Schedule of Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Abatements** — This form is for the use of the assessors in reporting to the town accountant the abatements granted on account of motor vehicle and trailer excise.

**Voucher Folder** — This form is for the use of the town accountant and is designed for the purpose of securing uniformity in the filing of bills.

**General Department Pay-Rolls** — These are to be used by all departments, except the school department, in making up their weekly or monthly payrolls, and are designed for the purpose of securing uniformity in the payrolls of all departments.

**School Department Pay-Rolls** — These are especially designed for the use of the school department, provisions being made for showing the gross amount of salary due each teacher or employee, the amount of deductions, the net amount received by each person, and the total amounts of the several deductions.

**Monthly Statements** — These forms are used by the town accountant in notifying each department of the warrants drawn against its appropriation and the balance subject to draft.

**Revenue** — Upon receipt of notice from the town clerk of appropriations voted by the town to be raised by taxation, a journal entry should be made debiting revenue and crediting the proper appropriation accounts. When the warrant for poll and property taxes is delivered to the collector, the account should be credited and taxes debited. Revenue

should also be debited with the amount of the state taxes, county taxes, and overlay raised, and the respective accounts credited.

At the close of the year, a journal entry should be made debiting all unexpended appropriation accounts (the object for which the appropriation was made having been completed), and crediting revenue. The estimated receipts account should also be closed out into the revenue account at the close of the year, and the revenue account closed into the excess and deficiency account.

**Estimated Receipts** — The amount of estimated receipts deducted by the assessors in determining the amount to be raised by taxation should be debited to the estimated receipts account and the revenue account credited; as cash is received, estimated receipts should be credited and cash debited.

**Taxes (Poll and Property)** — Upon the delivery of the assessors' warrant for the collection of taxes, a journal entry should be made debiting taxes with the total amount of the commitment and crediting revenue.

As money is paid into the town treasury, cash should be debited and the tax account credited. When poll or property tax abatements are granted by the assessors, a journal entry should be made crediting taxes and debiting overlay.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Veterans' Benefits** — This account represents the amount due from the Commonwealth for disbursements during the previous year. Upon receipt of money from the State, cash should be debited and Veterans' Benefits credited. At the close of the year, a journal entry should be made debiting Veterans' Benefits due from the Commonwealth and crediting the Departmental Revenue with the amount of disbursements during the year.

**Public Welfare Department Accounts Receivable** — When bills are sent to the State, cities and towns, or individuals, for aid rendered persons not having settlement in the town, a journal entry should be made debiting the public welfare department accounts receivable and crediting departmental revenue with the amount of the charge; as cash is received, the accounts receivable account should be credited and cash debited.

The same procedure should be followed in the case of accounts receivable of all departments rendering bills for amounts due the town.

**Overlay** — Whenever poll or property tax abatements are granted by the assessors, a journal entry should be made debiting overlay and crediting taxes for the amount of the abatements. Any balance in the overlay account in excess of the amount of the warrant remaining to be collected or abated should, by journal entry, be transferred to the



overlay reserve fund.

**Overlay Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)** — This account represents the surplus or difference between the overlay and the abatements granted by the assessors, and should be reserved for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses, as required by Section 25, Chapter 59, of the General Laws.

**Revenue Loans** — Whenever loans are issued in anticipation of revenue, the cash account should be debited and the revenue loan account credited; when the loan is paid, a warrant should be drawn, revenue account debited, and cash credited.

**Departmental Revenue (Not Available Until Collected)** — This account represents revenue of the several departments on account of charges for services rendered or materials furnished. At the end of each month the amount of cash received on account of departmental charges should be credited by journal entry to the estimated receipts account and departmental revenue should be debited.

**Net Funded Debt** — When debt is incurred by the issue of bonds or notes (for other than temporary loans) a journal entry should be made debiting net bonded debt and crediting the specific loan account. When the bonds are paid, the specific loan account should be debited and net bonded debt credited.

**Trust and Investment Funds** — When money is received, the income of which is to be used for some specific purpose, cash should be debited and the special fund credited. A warrant should be drawn authorizing the treasurer to deposit the amount in the savings bank, cash should be credited, and trust and investment funds (cash and securities) debited.

As income is withdrawn from the bank, cash should be debited and the specific purpose for which the fund was created (such as library, cemetery, etc.) credited. At the end of the year the income in excess of the withdrawals should be entered on the books by debiting trust and investment funds (cash and securities) and crediting the specific fund account.

**Conclusion** — Cooperation was received from all town officials during the progress of the audit and the installation of the system, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE (Signed)

HBD:MC

Assistant Director of Accountants



## NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MID-WIVES

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Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

### General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition)

#### (As Amended By Chapter 326, Section One, Acts of 1939)

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within 15 days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts herein above required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition

apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such births occurred a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such report shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

#### **General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6**

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

#### **General Laws, Chapter 111**

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1948, follows:

On March 1, 1948, at adjourned meeting the Board organized as follows:

Charles E. Wilkinson, Chairman

G. Lawrence Roberts, Secretary

Kenneth C. Latham

Mildred J. Gray, Clerk

As has been the custom, Monday evening has been the regular meeting time of the Board with the exception of July and August, when meetings were held every other week.

We are still following the procedure started two years ago by having citizens who wish to see the Board make appointments with the Clerk of the Board. This has worked out very satisfactorily for all concerned and will be continued.

The agenda of our meetings has been printed in the Chronicle each week, as in the past. The various departments under the jurisdiction of the Board have made their reports, which appear on other pages.

During the year the Building Laws, Zoning By-Laws, and Traffic Rules and Regulations were reprinted in book form.

This year for the first time a charge was made for Street Lists, Building Laws, Zoning By-Laws and Traffic Rules and Regulations, which has made it possible for all those who wished copies to obtain them during the entire year. Heretofore the entire printing was depleted in a matter of weeks.

1948 could be considered as a rather routine year except for the great number of complaints that we received, the large percentage of which involved departments not under our jurisdiction, plus an extraordinary number of demands for Slow, Stop, etc., street signs. The latter have been studied in collaboration with our Police Department, and such action as seemed necessary and proper was taken within the limits allowed by the appropriation for such safeguards.

In accordance with Article II, approved at the adjourned annual Town Meeting on March 24, 1947, Article III of the By-laws of the Town was amended so that we now have a partially unified collecting agency whereby the Collector of Taxes, under the title of Town Collector, collects all such accounts due the Town which are committed to him. This unification has worked out very efficiently and is a very definite step

in the right direction.

The Board with reluctance, accepted the resignation of George H. Sidebottom as Building Inspector, which had been in its possession for more than a year, and appointed Harold B. Currell to act in that capacity.

Following out an antiquated custom, required by law, that the town boundaries be perambulated by the Selectmen every five years, your Board did so this year. As a result, it is able to report that stone markers are still visible and the Town is exactly where it is supposed to be.

It has been our aim throughout the year to have the Town Report available prior to the annual Town Meeting. As this is being written, it is not possible to determine the exact date it will be ready for distribution, but we have every expectation that it will be off the press well in advance of the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the help rendered the Fire and Police Departments by the Auxiliary Fire Department Association and the Reading Reserve Police Association, both of which have been most cooperative during the entire year.

We thank, too, the other Departments, Boards, Committees, and the general public for the spirit of cooperation which prevailed during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS, Secretary

Board of Selectmen

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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL**

**For the Year 1948**

During the past year, the Board of Appeal held nine hearings under the Zoning or Building By-laws, of which six were denied and three were granted. Records of the decisions of the Board are on file with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON S. NICHOLS, Chairman

DUDLEY B. KILLAM, Secretary

HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY

Board of Appeal

## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

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To the Board of Health,

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1948 is as follows:—

Number of permits issued .....	270
Number of fixtures installed .....	1,367
Oil Burner Storage — Hot Water Heaters .....	6
Gas Storage — Hot Water Heaters .....	51
Electric Storage — Hot Water Heaters .....	35
30 Gallon Water Tanks .....	15
Tankless Heaters .....	81
Water Closets .....	271
Lavatories .....	247
Bath Tubs .....	167
Stall Showers .....	21
Urinals .....	11
Cabinet Sinks .....	6
Bradley Sinks .....	1
Foot Baths .....	2
Sump Pumps .....	2
Potato Peelers .....	2
Kitchen Flat Rim Sinks .....	161
Sink and Tray Combination .....	37
Laundry Trays .....	49
Slop Sinks .....	2
Dental Units .....	3
Washing Machines .....	5
Dish Washing Machines .....	2
Garbage Disposal Units .....	5
Drinking Fountains .....	6
Gasoline Interceptor Traps .....	1
Floor Drains .....	5
Sewer Connections .....	33
Cesspools .....	131
Septic Tanks .....	9

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. SHAW,

Inspector of Plumbing



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report of the Inspector of Buildings for the year 1948.

On October 1st, 1948 my predecessor, Mr. George H. Sidebottom turned over to me, the records of the office and the following is a classified list of permits issued by him, as per his records up to October 1, 1948.

Mr. Sidebottom's records show a sum of \$687.00 as being received by him in the form of fees. The monthly receipts from the Town Treasurer are in balance with this amount. The permits are as follows:

121 New Houses .....	\$ 963,850.00
31 Alterations and Additions .....	42,375.00
16 Garages .....	11,600.00
2 Henhouses .....	750.00
1 Greenhouse .....	2,500.00
1 Ice Cream Stand .....	3,000.00
1 Office and Showroom .....	2,500.00
1 Apartment House .....	20,000.00
1 Storage Building .....	1,000.00
Total estimated cost of all buildings .....	\$1,047,575.00

The following is a classified list of permits issued by me since October 1, 1948 for which I received fees in the amount of \$182.50 which have been turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts received for same. The permits are as follows:

31 New Houses .....	\$ 282,000.00
13 Alterations and Additions .....	14,725.00
6 Garages .....	3,700.00
1 Sign .....	75.00
1 Removal of Garage .....	
1 Chimney .....	135.00
Total estimated cost of all buildings.....	\$ 300,635.00

I also wish to report that the Committee appointed by the Moderator subsequent to the Town Meeting of October 27, 1947, to study and re-survey the Zoning By-Laws and Building Code, have started their deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD B. CURRELL

Inspector of Buildings

**TWENTY - EIGHTH**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**for the year ended**

**December 31, 1948**

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Public Works herewith submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

The Board organized with Harold W. Putnam as Chairman and Alexander Lindsay as Secretary. Philip Welch was reappointed Superintendent.

Regularly scheduled meetings were held during the year, as were several special meetings and conferences. Individual members were appointed to and served on special committees.

Public Hearings were advertised and held on street acceptances, sewer extensions, drain easements and pole locations. Acting as the Board of Survey, several hearings were held on proposed housing developments, and for the establishment of lines and grades on existing and proposed private ways and new streets.

Petitions for sewer extensions, storm drains, water mains, granolithic sidewalks, granite curbing, and other services have been filed with the Board, the cost of which greatly exceeds the amount of the usual annual appropriations made for these purposes. The Board, consequently, has tried to install the various utilities based on the greatest need and value to the Town.

Storm water drain requests are continually being received. This presents a serious problem. A large backlog of requests now exists, the estimated cost of which is far in excess of normal yearly appropriations. A point has now been reached where a sizeable bond issue would be necessary to install storm drains as requested.

The great number of homes constructed in 1947 and 1948 has created a serious financial problem in the Water Division. Main pipe extensions and service installations are far in excess of pre-war levels. It was necessary to issue bonds in both 1947 and 1948. To continue to do so would not be good policy. Consequently, the Board has given much time and consideration to methods of increasing the income of this division. A complete new set of charges was prepared and placed in effect January 1, 1949.

These increased charges are as follows:

- A. Increased Water Rates charged to consumers.
- B. Increased Hydrant Rentals charged to the Town.
- C. Increased Charges to developers for Water Main Extensions.
- D. Increased Charges to developers for Water Service Pipe Installations.

In general, all extensions of a water system are of value to all consumers. Some part of the cost should be borne by the consumer. Hence, the increase in water rates. Despite constantly increasing prices for labor and material, no change in the Water Rate structure has been made in twelve years, or since 1936.

The 1936 and proposed 1949 Rates follow so that comparisons may be made.

#### 1936

The minimum semi-annual rate shall be three dollars.

First 3,000 cu. ft., 33 1/3 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 3,000 cu. ft., 30 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 4,000 cu. ft., 25 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 10,000 cu. ft., 20 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 10,000 cu. ft., 15 cents per 100 cu. ft.

All in excess of 30,000 cu. ft., at the rate of 12 cents per 100 cu. ft.

#### 1949

The minimum semi-annual rate shall be four dollars.

First 3,000 cu. ft., 40 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 3,000 cu. ft., 35 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 4,000 cu. ft., 30 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 10,000 cu. ft., 25 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Next 10,000 cu. ft., 20 cents per 100 cu. ft.

All in excess of 30,000 cu. ft., at the rate of 15 cents per 100 cu. ft.

Every extension of a large sized water main includes the installation of hydrants. Since the inclusion of the hydrant is in most cases the controlling factor in choosing the size of the pipe and since the inclusion of the hydrant increases fire protection, it was felt that the Town as a whole should pay a unit price per hydrant which would pay for the annual maintenance of each hydrant.

It was felt that in the past the developer has not borne his fair share of the cost of main pipe extensions and service pipe installations. New charges for extensions and installation will result in the developer paying a larger share of the initial cost of these projects. Hence, the consumer will pay a lesser share of these costs.

It is expected that these charges will place this division on a pay as you go policy except for funds necessary for large capital projects.

The attention of the Townspeople is called to the excellent service rendered and the long hours worked by the employees during the snow season of early 1948.

The Board has endeavored to cooperate with other Town Boards and Departments during the past year and wishes to acknowledge the courtesy, help, and cooperation extended to them by other Town Departments.

Due to being transferred by his employers, it was necessary for Mr. Harmond D. Smith to resign from the Board on January 12, 1948. Since the regular Town election was only a short time ahead, the Board did not take any action to fill the vacancy.

Reference is made to the report of the Superintendent, which follows, for a more detailed account of the activities of the various divisions which comprise the Departments supervised by the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman  
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary  
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE  
JAMES E. CALVIN  
WILLIAM WEBB

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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the Twenty-eighth annual report of the Department.

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### **WATER DEPARTMENT**

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By vote of the Town Meeting, Town departments were requested to condense annual reports. Hence, this report does not contain details which appeared in previous reports. These details are available at the office of the Board of Public Works and will be made available to any person wishing them.



During the protracted dry spell of August and September, 1948, the level of the water in the well field held up extremely well. It was not necessary for the Department to restrict the consumption of water as in many other municipalities.

### **Main Pipe Construction**

As anticipated construction of new residences reached an all-time high in 1948. This construction required, in many cases, extensions to the water mains. This combined with the necessary services resulted in the Water Department doing more construction of a capital nature than ever before in its history.

In all 8366.50 feet of new mains were laid.

In four instances, existing 1¼" mains which had become inadequate to properly supply consumers were replaced by 6" and 8" mains.

There are many 1¼" mains which should be replaced. It is financially impossible to do the work in one year. Consequently, a program has been developed whereby this work will be done over a period of years. This replacement will not only provide better service to local consumers, but will provide better fire protection for the entire Town.

Hydrants were installed at proper intervals in all cases.

### **Main Pipe Maintenance**

Two main pipe breaks occurred during the year, both due to accidents during construction work. Both were quickly repaired and service restored in a few hours.

### **Service Pipe Construction and Maintenance**

New water service installations reached an all-time high in 1948. A total of 161 water services being installed to new residences.

In addition, many old service pipes were replaced because of leaks, incrustation, etc. Many new shut offs were installed and many other items of a maintenance nature accomplished.

Rodding of partially clogged service pipes to increase the volume of water was continued extensively. Rodding is basically a temporary measure and eventually all services requiring such attention will have to be replaced.

### **Meter Maintenance**

Again, the all time high in residential construction seriously affects another branch of the Water Department. A total of 128 new meters were installed. The supply of new meters continued to lag behind requirements. Hence, several new homes which are occupied are without

meters. The Department hopes to overcome this situation by the spring of 1949.

With the rapid growth of the Department and the advancing age of many meters, more attention had to be given to this service than heretofore.

### **Fire Hydrants**

Eleven new hydrants were installed in 1948, being, in most instances, placed on new main extensions.

Three hydrants were broken by vehicles. They were repaired and placed back in service with small loss of water.

### **Driven Well System**

One new suction main and eight new wells were installed. Tests made of the wells show them to be excellent producers of water which is low in iron content and color. These wells were driven in a new section which was developed in 1947. Unfortunately, the area owned by the Town in this area is comparatively small and cannot be developed much further unless more land is acquired.

All wells in the system were washed and cleaned twice. A few wells found, by test, to produce water of high iron content, or water of high color were abandoned and shut off from the system.

### **Deferrization Plant**

The filtration plant operated efficiently during the year.

The filters were raked and scraped regularly and other routine annual maintenance accomplished.

Extensive repairs were made to No. 2 Subsiding Basin by contract using the so called Guniting Method. It is planned to make similar repairs to No. 1 Subsiding Basin in the spring of 1949.

### **Standpipes**

No major repairs were required on either standpipe during the year.

### **Hundred Acre Pumping Station**

A total of 288,389,200 gallons of water was pumped during the year. The daily average was 787,948 gallons. The highest single day was 1,515,000 gallons on Saturday, August 28th. The highest weekly consumption was 9,376,200 gallons occurring August 23rd through August 29th.

The station, as a whole, operated well. Very few repairs were necessary despite the increased consumption caused by new residences and despite the extended period of drought in the late summer and early fall which necessitated continuous pumping over long periods.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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The rapid growth of the Town in 1947 and 1948 has resulted in a distinct increase in the number of requests for various kinds of services. This is especially true in relation to sidewalks, storm drains, street construction and general maintenance.

Larger annual appropriations, especially for storm drains, will obviate the necessity of future expensive bond issues.

### Snow and Ice

The winter season of 1947-1948 was the worst ever experienced by this Department. A total of 62.6 inches of snow was recorded in 1948. Seventeen storms occurred in three months. At times, 39.5 inches of fallen snow were measured in open spaces. This placed a severe strain on the personnel and equipment of the Department, but, due mainly to the constant hard work of the employees, the department was able to keep the streets in reasonable good condition. It was necessary to hire private equipment to a degree never before necessary.

### General Highway Maintenance

A road maintenance program was planned early in the year and executed during the warm summer months when conditions were most advantageous. Because the allotment for this work is the same as in pre-war years despite substantial price increases of materials, all expensive type maintenance was kept at a minimum by substituting less expensive types of surface treatments.

Patching material was used to a much greater extent than was necessary in previous years, due to the many necessary excavations for underground facilities, such as, storm drains, sewers, house connections, water mains, water services, utility services, etc.

In addition to major repairs, much was done on routine repairs, such as, sweeping, cutting brush, street signs, installing curbs, repairing tools and equipment, crushing gravel, repairing guard rails, etc.

More gravel was removed from the Pit than ever before required in one year. At the present rate of removal, the Pit will be depleted in about three years.

The survey work required for current and future operations was greater than normal. It was necessary to hire private surveyors to assist the regular crew.

### Chapter 90 Maintenance

The usual work of maintenance on main roads was accomplished with Town Funds plus allotments from the State and County.

## **Chapter 90 Construction**

A new penetration pavement was constructed on Lowell Street between Winthrop Avenue and Bancroft Avenue. This work was a carry-over from the 1947 contract. Also, a system of underground storm drains was placed in Lowell Street between Highland Street and Woburn Street. The section between Bancroft Avenue and Woburn Street will be resurfaced in 1949.

## **Chapter 83 Construction (Street Betterments)**

Four new streets were constructed in their entirety and two streets which were started before the War were completed. One street for which an appropriation was made in 1948 was not completed but will be in 1949.

### **Granolithic Sidewalk Construction**

A total of 2,826.58 lin. feet of granolithic sidewalk was laid in 1948. The total estimated cost of the sidewalks to be built under applications now on file, exceeds the normal yearly appropriation. Hence, new applicants should not expect service until 1950.

### **Sidewalk Maintenance**

The usual maintenance of sidewalks was accomplished as funds permitted.

### **Granite Curbing**

1021.25 feet of Granite Curbing was installed under applications from abutters and corner curbs were installed in many locations.

### **Storm Water Drains**

3350.69 feet of storm water drainage was installed plus the necessary catch basins and manholes. All were installed where conditions were deemed to be the most urgent.

### **Maintenance of Storm Drains**

The usual maintenance work was accomplished. All basins were cleaned, connections rodded as necessary, many open ditches cleaned, clogged pipes dug up and replaced, etc.

### **Dumps**

The dump has received the usual attention. A caretaker is on duty at stated hours. Bulldozing was done as required. A short section of chain link fencing was erected.

## **PARK DEPARTMENT**

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Parks and playgrounds were popular throughout the year. Many leagues were organized. These included baseball, softball, hockey, and others. All parks were in constant use but the Washington Street Park ballfield received particularly heavy use.

As usual the Park Appropriation was only sufficient to cover the maintenance of the Parks. Consequently, no major improvements were possible and no new equipment was purchased.

Organized recreation programs were provided in all playgrounds during the Summer months by the Recreation Committee. This Department cooperated with the Recreation Committee to the fullest extent possible.

The report of the Recreation Committee is included in the annual Town Report, and should be studied by Townspeople for a more detailed account of the excellent results obtained by this program.

Additional areas were filled in Birch Meadow with excess material from various construction jobs. The area now filled has reached the point where it may, for a relatively small expenditure, be made available for recreational purposes. Funds should be made available for this purpose. A small area has been loaned and will be graded and seeded in 1949.

The area leased to the Town by Mr. Allan Sturges for a Winter Sports Center was again very popular. The area abutting Walnut Street has been leased to the Town, at no cost, for several years. The Town certainly owes Mr. Sturges a vote of thanks for his public spirited action.

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## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

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### **Main Trunk Sewer Construction**

Trunk sewers were laid in 18 streets, totalling 8,002.00 feet. 1,577.05 feet were laid by the Department employees, and 6,424.95 feet were laid by contract. This comparatively large footage of sewer will furnish a much needed facility to many abutters.

### **Sewer Maintenance**

Many trunk sewers were cleaned and flushed to prevent stoppages. No stoppages occurred in main trunk sewers in 1948.

### **Sewer House Connections**

Sixty-three new sewer house connections were completed in 1948,



having a total length of 3,638.80 feet. Fifty-five were laid to existing buildings and eight were laid to new residences.

#### **House Connection Maintenance**

Temporary stoppages occurred in the usual number of cases in 1948, most of which were quickly corrected. In a few cases it was necessary to dig up and replace defective and clogged pipes.

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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#### **General**

In accordance with the vote of the March, 1948, Town Meeting, the report of the Board of Public Works has been greatly condensed. It contains very little detailed information. However, all the details which formerly appeared in the annual report plus other detailed information is on file at the Office of the Board of Public Works and the Department will be pleased to furnish any information requested by any interested citizen.

The inability of the Public Works Department to attract and keep competent employees poses a serious problem. If services are to be maintained economically and efficiently, a system will have to be devised so that the Department may be in a competitive position in the Labor Market. Salary schedules will have to be set up so that the Department will be in a position to attract competent employees. It is false economy to do otherwise. Incompetent employees, large turnover and the lack of skilled, experienced basic group of employees tends towards lost time, poor use of materials, inefficient use of equipment and larger unit costs.

A schedule has been set up for the replacement of old equipment and the purchase of new types of equipment. It is self-evident that this is a good policy. Everyone knows that every piece of equipment eventually reaches the point where it is cheaper to replace it than it is to maintain it. It is hoped that the newly inaugurated schedule will be rigorously followed.

#### **Highway**

Continued construction of new residences has resulted in much added work in this Division. Many requests are constantly received for various services. If they are to be done, the Funds for this division will have to be kept at a relatively high level.

### **Storm Water Drains**

A serious problem faces the Town here. The Department has on file many requests for the installation of drainage facilities. The normal annual appropriation is woefully insufficient. This problem will worsen in direct proportion to the increase in residential construction. Unless steps are taken immediately to ease this situation, the time will come, in the near future, when a large bond issue will be necessary. It would seem much more sensible to face the facts now and provide larger yearly appropriations for this purpose.

### **Parks**

For many years funds have not been available for expansion of the play areas and for the installation of facilities. Consequently, the available areas and facilities are being over-taxed. As the Town continues to develop, this condition will become worse.

The condition is particularly bad in relation to baseball. With only one ballfield available, it is in continuous use day and evening from May to September. It is practically impossible to keep it in good shape under these conditions. It is rapidly deteriorating. An area has been filled in Birch Meadow which, for a comparatively small amount, could be made into a ballfield. It is strongly urged that funds be provided for this purpose. Funds should also be provided for other necessary improvements.

### **Sewers**

With the funds from the approved bond issue, the Department was able to install sewers in locations covered by the applications on file as of December 1, 1947. Since then, other applications have been received. This condition will continue to exist. Normal yearly appropriations should be sufficient to allow the Department to install sewers in all locations covered by applications on file as of January 1 in each year and thus eliminate bond issues.

### **Water**

The larger number of residences built in the past two years has greatly increased the amount of work in this division. It is generally agreed that this boom will continue. It will, naturally, result in a complete expansion of all sections of this division; supply, distribution and maintenance. It has been determined that the normal yearly income of this division is not sufficient to finance the expansion without recourse to bond issues. Consequently, new charges have been established which, it is estimated, will place this division on a good financial footing. It is now time to plan for such capital expenditures which may be necessary in the future. These include substantial expenditures

to provide adequate supply and additions to the treatment plant. Reserves should be established in the next few years to underwrite these expenditures.

### **Conclusion**

Attention is again called to the report of the Capital Budgeting Expenditures Committee. Many of the recommendations contained in this report appear in their report. It is hoped that they will be followed so that, over a period of years, the problems posed by the steady requests for various types of services may be solved without serious effect on the annual tax levy.

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## BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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Fred L. Nutter, Chairman	Term expires	1949
David E. Hersee, Secretary	" "	1950
Harry C. Barr	" "	1951
Edouard N. Dube	" "	1951
William P. Pierpont	" "	1949
M. Russell Meikle	" "	1949

Superintendent  
HAROLD F. DAVIS

Office Hours

Room 16, Municipal Building

Afternoons 2-5 except Saturdays.      Monday Evenings 7:30-9

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT — 1948

To The Board of Cemetery Trustees,  
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent's Report on the operation of the two Town Cemeteries, Laurel Hill and Forest Glen, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1948, is herewith submitted.

Normal departmental functions attained a peak high in this its 211th year of operation. Our records show 111 interments for the year, which exceeds any previous year, and an increase of 38 over 1947. The largest number of foundations for monuments and flush markers were constructed also.

Operational costs for labor were increased due to the above mentioned facts plus the excessive amount of snow removal, the gratis interments of returned World War II casualties and the repairing of an unusual number of graves.

The discontinuance of Sunday interments, which is general throughout the country, went into effect July 19, 1948.

The statistics for the calendar year of 1948 are as follows:

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Interments .....	65	46	111
Foundations:			
Monuments .....	5	17	22
Markers .....	21	14	35
Graves Repaired .....	54	25	79
Winter Graves Repaired .....	25	10	35
Cement Crypts Used .....	27	26	53
Cement Vaults Used .....	37	21	58
Lots Sold:			
8 Grave .....	0	3	3
5 Grave .....	0	1	1
4 Grave .....	0	9	9
3 Grave .....	0	6	6
2 Grave .....	0	20	20
Single Graves .....	1	5	6
Baby Graves .....	3	0	3
Welfare Dept. Grave, gratis .....	0	1	1
Veteran Graves, gratis .....	0	5	5

Six old lots had perpetual care put on them and one had an additional amount added during 1948 in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Acts of vandalism to the John Damon section of the Old Parish Tomb in Laurel Hill Cemetery were discovered on Sept. 28th. The bulky wooden door was pried loose from its mountings, entrance made and a casket splintered and its contents scattered within the tomb. Repairs were made by sealing up the entrance with brick masonry and inserting therein the old inscribed Damon marble slab.

Fencing off the land conveyed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading to the Old South Methodist Church at the 1948 Annual Town Meeting, with a five foot Security chain link fence, was completed by the Church Committee on Sept. 16th.

At Forest Glen Cemetery a large area of turf, infested by the inroads of grubs from the June and Japanese Beetles, was stripped, treated and reseeded. An additional plot was prepared and seeded for future lotting.

At Laurel Hill Cemetery two large overhead garage doors, an oil fired warm air heating unit and a new chimney were installed. Next year the roof over the garage should be extended to completely cover the building.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS

Superintendent



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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The Report of the Superintendent as submitted by him is hereby approved by the Board of Cemetery Trustees and constitutes its Report to the Town.

FRED L. NUTTER, Chairman  
DAVID E. HERSEE, Secretary  
HARRY C. BARR  
EDOUARD N. DUBE  
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT  
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE

Board of Cemetery Trustees

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## REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

January 1, 1949

The Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Reading, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1948 as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves.

Ten veteran graves were repaired in Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries during 1948 besides the care of Veteran Plots in both Cemeteries and the usual care of all Veteran graves.

Appropriation .....		\$1,000.00
Payroll .....	\$ 693.00	
Repairs on Veteran graves .....	50.00	
Care of Laurel Hill Veteran Plot .....	52.00	
Care of Forest Glen Vet. Plot .....	200.00	
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

There were three World War I, one World War I and World War II, and six World War II Veterans interred during 1948 as follows:

### **World War I**

Arthur H. Borthwick, S.G. No. 408, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Dec. 30, 1947, buried Jan. 2, 1948.

Stephen V. Talbot, Lot No. 772, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Feb. 8, 1948, buried Feb. 10, 1948.

John J. Connors, Grave No. 125, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Mar. 24, 1948, buried Mar. 27, 1948.

### **World War I and World War II**

Leroy C. Hutchinson, Lot No. 1026, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Sept. 10, 1948, buried Sept. 13, 1948.

### **World War II**

Charles E. Parry, Grave No. 6, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Nov. 26, 1942 (Guadalcanal), buried June 6, 1948.

Roger F. Batchelder, Lot No. 223, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Dec. 28, 1944 (England), buried July 31, 1948.

Henry G. Ingersoll, Jr., Grave No. 9, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Dec. 18, 1942 (Alaska), buried Sept. 25, 1948.

Charles N. Beighley, Grave No. 8, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Oct. 13, 1944 (Italy), buried Nov. 13, 1948.

Alexander W. Clapperton, Grave No. 5, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Apr. 5, 1944 (Italy), buried Nov. 27, 1948.

Paul E. Mansell, Lot No. 154, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Mar. 28, 1944 (China), buried Dec. 17, 1948.

The six World War II Veterans were returned Overseas Dead.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY D. TURNER

Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

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### **REPORT OF DOG OFFICER**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my report as dog officer to December 31, 1948.

I have canvassed the town to see that all dogs were licensed.

Unlicensed and strayed dogs have been found and disposed of.

All complaints have been investigated.

At this time I wish to thank the Police department and all who have helped me.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MELENDY

Dog Officer

**Annual Report**

OF THE

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

OF THE

**Town of Reading, Massachusetts**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1948**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

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### **School Committee**

Dr. Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn Street	Term expires	1951
Mr. Robert E. Turner, 84 Cross Street	" "	1951
Mr. Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High Street	" "	1950
Mr. Melvin S. Crosby, 50 Middlesex Ave.	" "	1950
Mrs. Gladys F. Milton, 281 Summer Ave.	" "	1949
Mr. Alexander P. Glover, 158 Prescott Street	" "	1949

### **School Committee Office**

Grouard House 25 School St.  
REading 2-0180 — 2-0059

### **Open Daily**

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

During School Vacations 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Arthur B. Lord, Jr. 39 Pine Ridge Rd.

### **Secretary To The Superintendent**

Mae A. Tanner 58 Prescott Street

### **Clerks in School Committee Office**

Margaret R. Sousa 366 Charles St.

Alice L. Arsenault 9 Longwood Rd.

### **Visiting Teacher**

Jean F. Ramsay 385 Summer Ave.

### **School Physician**

Dr. Albert E. Morris 24 Sanborn St.

### **School Nurse**

Margaret B. Clewley 131 Pleasant St., Woburn

### **Attendance Officer**

Robert A. Grundy 25 Lewis St.

## SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CLERKS

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### Senior High School

#### Senior High School

Myrtle W. Tilton

Jean S. Underhill

#### Junior High School

Priscilla Davis

#### Highland School

Virginia H. Chute

#### Pearl Street School

Dorothy A. Walsh

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## SCHOOL JANITORS AND MATRONS

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#### Senior High School

John F. Maguire

W. Ray Yorks

R. Ellen White

#### Junior High School

Frederick L. Reissle

Andrew J. Lomax

Robert A. Vars

Agnes G. Hurley

#### Highland School and Grouard House

William J. Broussard

Simon Castine

Rose Harrington

#### Pearl Street School

Edward W. McBrien

Harry M. Berry

#### Prospect Street and Chestnut Hill Schools

Leander Smith

#### Lowell Street School

William A. Lloyd



## CAFETERIAS

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### Senior High School

Mary A. Kingman

Ida H. Johnson

### Junior High School

Annie L. Canty

Edith J. French

Eva E. Noble

### Highland School

Evelyn M. Davis

### Pearl Street School

Lois M. Connor

Obeline Arsenault

Elsiema C. Collins

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## NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

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Radio announcement when possible over WNAC, WEEL, WBZ and WLAW between 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times. Street lights turned on for five minutes at the following times:

7:15 a.m. for Senior High School

7:30 a.m. for Junior High School

7:45 a.m. for Grades 1-6 inclusive

Since the Elementary Schools have two sessions, the afternoon session may be discontinued due to inclement weather. When afternoon sessions are discontinued announcement will be made over the radio, fire alarm and street light system, as well as in the individual schools on or before 11:30 a.m.

In most cases the decision as to whether or not children should attend school rests with the parent, in view of the fact that parents are in a better position to know whether or not their children may attend school in safety without injuring their health. Because the cost of operation of a school building, particularly during the winter months, is about the same whether or not the school is open it is the policy for the schools to be open every day except under emergency conditions. Consequently, the occasion for "no school" will seldom arise.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Schools open	September 7, 1949
No sessions:	
Columbus Day	October 12, 1949
Teachers' Convention	October 21, 1949
Armistice Day	November 11, 1949
Thanksgiving recess from noon November 23, to	November 29, 1949
Christmas vacation from noon December 22, 1949, to	January 3, 1950
Winter vacation week of	February 20, 1950
No school, Good Friday—from 11:30	April 7, 1950
Spring vacation week of	April 17, 1950
No school, Memorial Day	May 29, 30, 1950
Schools close	June 23, 1950

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## SCHOOL CLINICS

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Dental — Wednesdays and Thursdays at Grouard House, 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Tuberculosis Prevention — Annually by announcement.

Diphtheria Prevention — Annually by announcement.

Registration of children entering school in September is held the previous March. Time announced in local paper.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Reading:

The School Committee herewith submits its annual report.

This year the School Committee has been faced with many difficult problems. Some are due to the rapid growth of the school population and to the deterioration of several of the school buildings. These conditions have led to the overcrowding of all of the schools. We shall alleviate the overcrowding of some of the elementary schools to a certain degree by the school building on Summer Avenue. The contract for this building was let to Grande & Son, and the work is progressing so that this school will be ready for occupancy September, 1949. Very soon this school alone will not be adequate to care for the expected increase of school children in other parts of the town.

Another problem to be faced is the overcrowding of the Senior High School and the replacement of its inadequate facilities so that the Junior High School may be able to care for its own students. The double duty being done by these departments in the Junior High cannot go on much longer as both schools are reaching their peak load.

The Committee elected Arthur B. Lord, Jr., new Superintendent of School to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Elbridge C. Grover. Mr. Lord assumed his duties August first.

At the request of the Committee, Mr. Lord, with his principals and teachers, has begun a study for the integration and coordination of the entire educational system from grade I through XII.

The intention of this School Committee is to keep the townspeople informed of its problems through all the town channels possible so that the people will be acquainted with all the facts and will be able to act intelligently when action is needed.

The terms of Mrs. Gladys F. Milton and Mr. Alexander P. Glover expire this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER P. GLOVER, Chairman  
DR. MERLE W. WESCOTT  
GLADYS F. MILTON  
GOULD B. RUGGLES  
MELVIN S. CROSBY  
ROBERT E. TURNER

**READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 1949**  
**Receipts not from Tax Levy — Showing Net Cost to Town**  
**January 3, 1949**

<b>Estimate 1949</b>		<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>		<b>1948</b>
Appropriation	Credits			
\$459,600.10		Total Expenditures (Less Transportation) .....		\$413,606.76
		Receipts:		
\$ 19,000.00		State Reimbursement on Teachers Salary (Estimate)	\$ 18,603.85	
23,000.00		Tuition .....	22,021.74	
42,500.00		Sundry .....	822.47	41,448.06
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\$417,100.10		Net Cost To Town .....		\$372,158.70
		<b>SCHOOL LUNCHES</b>		
		Appropriation—Town .....	\$ 50,000.00	
\$ 59,000.00		W.F.A. Reimbursement .....	9,473.59	\$ 59,473.62
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		Receipts:		
50,000.00		Cash for lunches .....	37,004.91	
9,000.00		W.F.A. Reimbursement .....	9,473.62	
		Inventory .....	1,000.00	\$ 47,478.53
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\$ 59,000.00		Total Cost of Operation .....		\$ 45,965.25
		<b>INDUSTRIAL TUITION</b>		
\$ 3,000.00		Total Expenditure (Estimate) .....		\$ 3,269.90
		Receipts:		
600.00		State Reimbursement .....		774.21
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\$ 2,400.00		Net Cost to Town .....		\$ 2,495.69
		<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
\$ 13,000.00		Transportation .....		\$ 12,846.75
		<b>TEACHER RETIREMENT</b>		
\$ 120.00		Retirement For Teacher in Service .....		\$ 120.00

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET — 1948

## Appropriations, Transfers & Refunds 1948

## Expended (Old Way) 1948

### SALARIES:

\$319,909.57	Supt. and Teachers .....	\$316,077.19
2,600.00	Substitutes .....	2,048.00
30,524.00	Janitors .....	30,124.82
500.00	Compulsory Attendance .....	380.00
3,662.50	Nurse and Clerks .....	3,446.89
1,250.00	Medical Inspection .....	1,250.00
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\$358,446.07		\$353,326.90

### MAINTENANCE:

	General Control	
\$ 500.00	Supt's. Office Supplies .....	974.87
50.00	Research and Professional Study .....	65.62
400.00	Printing .....	383.35
500.00	Travel Expense .....	343.32
650.00	Other Expenses .....	508.56
740.00	Grouard House—Operation .....	641.53
150.00	Grouard House—Maintenance .....	85.63
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\$ 2,990.00	Total General Control .....	\$ 3,002.88

### INSTRUCTION:

\$ 750.00	Supervision .....	\$ 678.94
600.00	Prin. Office Expense .....	773.92
3,000.00	Textbooks .....	2,810.44
11,500.00	Supplies .....	10,671.18
600.00	Library .....	384.81
1,000.00	Supplementary Books .....	962.15
350.00	Commencement .....	256.29
1,149.29	Other Expenses .....	1,041.54
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\$ 18,949.28	Total Instruction .....	\$ 17,579.27

### OPERATION OF PLANT:

\$ 4,250.00	Janitors' Supplies .....	\$ 4,187.01
13,000.00	Fuel .....	14,877.81
1,600.00	Water and Sewer .....	1,105.34
3,850.00	Electricity .....	3,435.77



100.00	Gas .....	91.42
970.00	Other Expenses .....	1,142.74
900.00	Telephone .....	761.80
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\$ 24,670.00	Total Operation of Plant .....	\$ 25,601.89
<b>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:</b>		
\$ 3,705.00	Grounds .....	\$ 2,467.15
5,375.00	Buildings .....	4,433.29
735.00	Service Systems .....	3,290.70
500.00	Plumbing .....	300.78
1,788.00	Instructional Apparatus .....	977.07
115.00	Furniture .....	3.90
172.00	Other Expenses .....	16.07
	Oil for New School .....	720.65
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12,390.00	Total Maintenance of Plant .....	12,209.61
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>		
100.00	Alterations and Addition .....	
200.00	Furniture .....	336.25
1,021.00	Instructional Apparatus .....	1,086.19
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1,321.00	Total Capital Outlay .....	1,422.44
<b>AUXILIARY AGENCIES:</b>		
104.00	Tuition .....	89.14
<b>COORDINATE ACCOUNT:</b>		
100.00	Compulsory Attendance .....	100.00
45.00	Medical Service .....	45.00
450.00	Nurse Service .....	229.63
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595.00	Total Coordinate Account .....	374.63
\$ 61,019.28	Total General Maintenance .....	60,279.86
\$419,465.35	Grand Total .....	\$413,606.76
\$ 13,500.00	Transportation .....	\$ 12,846.75
\$ 3,269.90	Industrial Tuition .....	\$ 3,269.90
\$ 120.00	Retirement for Teacher in Service .....	\$ 120.00
\$ 2,894.41	Safety Equipment .....	\$ 1,711.55
\$ 50,000.00	School Lunches .....	\$ 45,965.25
\$ 9,473.62	W. F. A. Reimbursement .....	\$ 9,473.62

AGE-GRADE TABLE — October 1, 1948

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 & over	Total
Grade 1	133	154	7	1														295
" 2		90	127	8														225
" 3			65	108	15	3												191
" 4				77	97	26	4	2										206
" 5										1								214
" 6						52	89	23	7	2	1							174
" 7							50	86	27	15	2							180
" 8							44	74	33	7								158
" 9									50	68	28	11		1				158
" 10									1	51	113	29	5		1			200
" 11											64	118	17	7	1			207
" 12											48	110	22	1		1		182
" PG													1	3		2	1	7
Opportunity	1	2	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	1								14
TOTAL	133	245	201	196	193	185	173	160	160	171	215	206	133	33	2	3	2	2411

## MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

(Dates indicate year of appointment in Reading)

### School Committee Offices

Arthur B. Lord, Jr., A.B.; M.Ed. (1948)	Superintendent of Schools
Albert E. Morris, M.D. (1947)	School Physician
Margaret B. Clewley, R.N. (1939)	Supervisor of Health
Jean F. Ramsay, B.A., M.A. (1941)	Visiting Teacher
Robert A. Grundy (1947)	Attendance Officer

### Supervisors

Philip W. Althoff, B.P.E., M.Ed. (1927)	Dir. of Physical Education
Esther E. Connor, B.S.Ed. (1948)	Supervisor of Art
Florence G. Nichols, B.S.Ed. (1929)	Physical Ed. Supervisor
Arthur E. Willey, Boston Conservatory of Music	Director of Music

### Senior High School

Rudolf Sussman, B.S.Ed. (1917)	Supervising Principal
Luke Halpin, B.A., M.A. (1922)	Asst. Prin., Math., Guidance
Royal S. Adams, B.S. (1943)	Science, Math.
Aline L. Archambault, A.B. (1948)	English
Clifford W. Baker, B.S., M.A. (1944)	Math., Guidance
Elizabeth A. Batchelder, B.S.Ed. (1916)	Commercial Eng., Guidance
Alton C. Bennett, A.B., M.A. (1947)	History, Coaching
Elsie I. Bishop, B.A., B.L.S. (1943)	Librarian
Robert Bronner, B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed. (1940)	History, Guidance
Virginia Cox, A.B., A.M. (1945)	English, Sophomore Advisor
Joseph A. Crowley, A.B. (1946)	Mathematics, Coaching
Alberta F. Drury, Salem Normal (1917)	Bookkeeping
Joseph F. Fitzgerald, A.B., A.M. (1929)	Mathematics, Junior Adviser
Alice H. Franzen, B.S.Ed. (1947)	Shorthand, Typewriting
William E. Hanlon, A.B., M.Ed. (1945)	History
Svea W. Kling, B.B.A., M.Ed. (1940)	Head of Dept., Stenog. & Type.
J. Douglas Oliver, A.B. (1948)	Music, History
Frederick J. Pope, B.S., M.Ed. (1922)	Head of Dept., Chem.-Physics
Mary E. Shay, B.A. (1943)	Head of Dept., English
Arthur L. Spencer, A.B., A.M. (1938)	Latin, English
Marion B. Wadsworth, A.B., A.M. (1943)	French
Katherine A. White, A.B. (1947)	Spanish, English
Helen R. Zimmerman, B.A., M.S., Ph.D. (1936)	Biology

## Junior High School

Robert F. Perry, B.S. (1935)	Supervising Principal
William A. Rich, B.S.Ed., M.A. (1928)	Asst. Prin., Mathematics
James T. Amsler, B.S.Ed. (1946)	Shop
Harriet S. Beattie, B.S.Ed. (1937)	Art
Wellington A. Brewster, A.B., M.Ed. (1947)	Social Studies
John R. Copithorne, B.A. (1946)	Science
Ethelyn M. Cowperthwaite, Farmington T.C. (1945)	English
Marian D. Day, Bates College (1925)	Science
Clementina Frasca, B.S.Ed. (1947)	English
Helen W. Graichen, B.S.Ed. (1941)	Household Arts, Jr. and Sr. High
Walter E. Hawkes, B.S. (1933)	Phys. Ed., Hygiene
Louise B. Jenkins, B.S.Ed. (1920)	Social Studies
Doris E. Karst, B.S. (1948)	Social Studies
Helen R. Knight, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1946)	English
Roderick E. Macdonald, B.S.Ed. (1937)	Shop
John B. Pacino, B.S. (1945)	Bus. Training, Social Studies
Anna M. Reck, B.A. (1928)	Mathematics
Neil C. Robinson, B.S., M.Ed. (1936)	Social Studies
Violet H. Rockney, B.A. (1947)	English, Music
Edna L. Rohwedder, B.S.E., M.Ed. (1948)	Mathematics
Helen T. Sault, Ph.B. (1948)	English, Latin
Grace M. Thomas, B.S.Ed. (1947)	Household Arts
Margaret Tyacke, Boston University (1926)	Phys. Ed., Hygiene
Frederick C. Wales, B.S.Ed. (1942)	Shop
Albert H. Woodward, A.B., M.Ed. (1940)	Mathematics

## Highland School

Elizabeth Graham, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1941)	Supervising Principal
Henry J. Barone, B.S., M.Ed. (1946)	Asst. Prin., and Grade 6
Dorothy L. Burgess, Leslie Normal (1926)	Grade 3
Dorothy L. Cronin, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1933)	Grade 2
Eileen R. Cummings, B.S.Ed. (1945)	Grade 1
Doris S. Forbes, Plymouth Teachers College (1947)	Grade 5
R. Hilda Gaffney, B.S.Ed. (1941)	Grade 6
Carolyn C. Grace, North Adams Normal (1919)	Grade 5
Olive L. Joney, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1946)	Grade 4
Dorothy Leslie, A.B. (1948)	Grade 6
Constance B. Loud, B.S.Ed. (1948)	Grade 6
Edythe M. McQuaide, B.S.Ed., M.A. (1940)	Grade 6
Florence Potter, Plymouth Normal School (1926)	Grade 5
Lorraine Pulson, Salem Teachers College (1947)	Grade 5

**Pearl Street School**

Arthur D. Simonds, Jr., B.R.E., M.A. (1944)	Supervising Principal
Mary W. Moore, B.S.Ed. (1941)	Asst. Prin., and Grade 5
Isabel L. Carley, Salem Teachers College (1928)	Grade 3
Velma E. Curtin, Perry Kindergarten (1927)	Grade 2
Richard G. Durnin, B.S. (1948)	Grade 5
Marion K. Dynice, B.S.Ed. (1947)	Grade 2
Pauline S. Gilman, Keene Normal School (1947)	Grade 2
A. Josephine Guild, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grade 1
Frances Haskins, Aroostook State T. C. (1943)	Grade 3
Ann M. Howe, Framingham Teachers College (1947)	Grades 3 and 4
Esther Kempton, Farmington Normal School (1946)	Grade 4
Beth G. MacGregor, B.S.Ed. (1943)	Grade 1
James A. McLaughlin, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1947)	Grade 6
Helen D. Stockwell, Salem Normal School (1930)	Grade 4
Marialice Stratton, B.S. (1948)	Grade 1
Margaret G. Traquair, B.S.Ed. (1945)	Special Class
Myrla P. Wilbur, B.S. Ed., M.Ed. (1945)	Grade 6

**Lowell Street School**

Nellie P. Beaton, Hyannis Teachers College	Principal and Grade 4
Loraine C. Johnson, B.S. (1946)	Grade 3
Dorothy Kilroy, B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed. (1948)	Grade 2
Marion R. Weagle, B.S.E. (1946)	Grade 1

**Prospect Street School**

Eleanor M. Skahill, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1943)	Principal and Grade 4
Catherine M. Chipman, Lowell State T.C. (1944)	Grade 2
Grace L. Gifford, Wheelock Kindergarten Sch. (1943)	Grade 1
Helena A. Markham, Framingham S.T.C. (1934)	Grade 3
Alberta R. Mathieson, Salem S.T.C. (1924)	Grade 2
Helen M. Waltermire, B.S., M.S. (1948)	Grade 1

**Chestnut Hill School**

Irene R. Royea, Aroostook Normal School (1928)	Principal and Gr. 1-2
Clara A. Anderson, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grades 3 and 4



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR 1948

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To the School Committee of Reading, Massachusetts

Mrs. Milton and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the fifty-sixth of a series of annual reports describing the work of the Reading Public Schools. In view of the fact that my tenure in Reading has been limited to five months, this report, of necessity, must be limited to general observations of the work of the Reading Public Schools. However, because I am new to the System my observations may bring new perspective to the total situation. This report will cover three general areas: (1) An overview of the exceptionally good factors associated with the Reading Schools. (2) A brief analysis of the problems inherent in the System. (3) A brief analysis of educational legislation which will bear directly or indirectly upon the Reading Schools.

### **Exceptional Features of The Reading Schools**

When viewed in its entirety, the Reading School System is better than average, and associated with it are certain features which are outstanding and worthy of comment. Among these features are the calibre of the supervisory staff and the teachers, teacher morale and professional spirit, specific parts of the educational program throughout the System, the enthusiasm of janitors in maintenance of buildings, the unusual interest of the Parent-Teacher Associations, and the general positive attitude of the townspeople toward the Reading Schools.

**INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF.** In an era when high wages in business have taken prospective teachers from colleges and teachers from classrooms; and when the lot of the teacher has been unusually difficult because of economic situations, it is unusual to find in one system so many teachers of excellent training, of wide experience, who have a real enthusiasm for teaching and who show evidence of a professional zeal which would be heartening even to a cynic. In spite of the fact that the Reading Salary Schedule has been only competitive and not unusual, Reading has in general, a superior corps of teachers whose enthusiasm for teaching extends beyond the classroom hours, and who readily devote much time in the afternoons and evenings to work for the improvement of education in Reading.

**THE SUPERVISORS** of Reading Schools are also unusual in their training, intelligence, professional spirit, initiative, and grasp of the educational problems which concern us today.

THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM is marked by extremes which have spread confusion, but spotted throughout the system in all of our schools are unusually fine classrooms where the best in education is available to the Reading pupils. In some instances this is due solely as the result of unusual work of superior teachers; in other cases it is due to the excellent supervision and administration. The absence of consistency in the instructional program of the System will be discussed later.

JANITORIAL STAFF. Another feature of the System is immediately apparent and that is the care which is given to the school buildings by the janitorial staff. The pride which the men and women have in their school is evident in the cleanliness of buildings and in the willingness of these men and women to assume responsibility beyond the regular requirements of the job.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS. Reading is blessed with active Parent-Teacher Associations in all parts of the town and now has a vigorous Council which will serve to coordinate the work of the independent units. The attendance at meetings, the large proportion of men who attend meetings, and the widespread interest in the educational program and not just in the social functions, all indicate that parents in Reading are alert to their responsibilities and are definitely concerned about the educational program in the schools.

CITIZENS' ATTITUDE. In many ways it is apparent that the citizens of the Town of Reading are alert to their responsibilities and are concerned that their schools be at least as good as schools in other good systems in Metropolitan Boston. A school system can be no better than the financial and moral support permits. Evidence of this support may be found in the readiness of the Town to underwrite the cost of a desirable educational program. Only last year the Town extended itself to meet the present need for adequate housing by authorizing the construction of a new elementary school and the Town has further authorized the purchase of land for a high school which can provide the type of educational program impossible in a building built for the program of 1890.

### **Problems In The School System**

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM. The outstanding problem in the Reading School System is found in the instructional program in its lack of coordination between grades on the same level and between the three major levels in the System — The Elementary, the Junior High, and the High Schools. Partly because of a difference in basic philosophy, partly because of an unwillingness to unify the program, and partly because of

external circumstances, the instructional program as now organized can result only in confusion among teachers, dissatisfaction among the supervisors, and inadequate training for pupils. This fact has been apparent to the School Committee, to teachers, and to supervisors, and this fall a program to analyze and eliminate the worst faults was initiated. Because teachers are a vital part of this system, and because it is they who will make the program eventually conceived operate, a council of seven teachers has been elected by the faculty who, with the Superintendent of Schools, ex officio, make up a steering committee for the teachers who are investigating this problem. All teachers in the System are involved in this study, which seeks to answer three questions:

1. What are present practices in guidance, civic education, and in the teaching of Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science?
2. What is desirable practice in these areas?
3. What steps must be taken to develop these desirable practices in Reading?

It is estimated that a minimum of three years will be necessary for the completion of this work.

**CITIZENSHIP TRAINING.** Related to the problem of curriculum improvement are the strengthening of the work of the schools in training for a better understanding of the government in a democracy and the expansion of offerings for the non-academic or non-college pupil. Most of our schools are already broadening the program for the studying of the democratic way of life and in some cases the school program is modified to foster in the day-to-day living of the pupils opportunity for practicing what we, as teachers, have so long preached.

**HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM.** Fifty years ago when almost all students who went to high school studied only those subjects which would prepare them for study in college, the curriculum established was designed specifically to meet the goal of college preparation. Since that time, however, **all** the children of all the people assume as a matter of course that they are going to high school and too frequently are confronted with a program designed for the needs of boys and girls fifty years ago. In Reading a definite attempt has been made to adjust to the changing needs of youth in the world today, but invariably when a weakness in the program is recognized, it develops that the weakness cannot be overcome because of inadequate facilities. If we are to be realistic about the education we offer, we must prepare our boys and girls for home-making and the skilled and unskilled trades. Translated into the curriculum this would mean the offering of extensive courses in home-making for girls, salesmanship, the vocational arts in shops properly equipped and located, and in an extended program in courses relating to business and commerce.

**SCHOOL BUILDINGS.** An educational program today is dependent in large measure upon adequate housing facilities. The present High School building utilizes all rooms above the basement level and boys and girls waste time and travel in bad weather between the High School and the Junior High School buildings. Steadily mounting enrollment in the High School must rapidly bring citizens to realize that the construction of an adequate high school must be undertaken in the not too distant future. The problem of an adequate high school building has already been recognized to the point where the Town has authorized purchase of land for a new building. Proper housing of pupils in the elementary schools has also been recognized in the construction of the Summer Avenue School. A problem still exists, however, in the elementary schools; first, in the proper distribution of pupils in the different sections of Town, and secondly, in finding adequate accommodations for the ever increasing elementary school population.

The Pearl Street School is now very much overcrowded and the Highland School is at capacity, as is the Lowell Street School. Re-aligning of district lines and sending some of these pupils to the Summer Avenue School will relieve all three of these units temporarily. The fact remains, however, that Reading is a growing community and that most of the people moving into Town have children of elementary school age. Also this year, for the first time, the schools felt the influx of babies born during the war years and this increased population must be absorbed into our schools for at least four years more. We anticipate that the Summer Avenue School will open with 16 of its 18 classrooms filled. It is quite evident, therefore, that the elementary school housing situation has not been settled for all time with the construction of the new building.

**RELATED SERVICES.** All problems which concern the administration are not strictly educational in nature. Two major areas in which problems arise and which draw disproportionately upon time of the administration are the school cafeterias and the supervision of maintenance of existing plants. The Town of Reading and the administration is in the restaurant business. It is in this case a \$50,000 a year enterprise which is not, however, reflected in the annual tax bill because moneys collected from the children and through State assistance are returned to the general treasury. However, the system does involve the employment of seven full-time and three part-time workers who buy, prepare, serve, and collect money for lunches for most of our children in the school. At present we have four cafeterias in operation and next fall, with the opening of the Summer Avenue School, there will be five. Each of the cafeterias today operates independently—some at a profit and some at a loss. Purchasing done by the cafeteria workers frequently is done uneconomically and there is no consistency



from one school to the next. A solution to this problem can be found by the employment of a supervisor not only for the Summer Avenue School cafeteria, but for all the cafeterias in town, who will be a dietitian trained in purchasing and accounting. Such a step will insure consistency in the operation of the various cafeterias and should provide better food.

The Town of Reading owns and the School Committee controls school property valued at nearly \$2,000,000. The physical operation and maintenance of these buildings represents an annual outlay of about \$70,000. As presently organized the Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the drawing of specifications and contracts, and must supervise jobs in progress to insure, if possible, an adequate return for the dollars spent. All of the time which he devotes to these activities should be given to supervision and administration of the educational program. It would be very much to the advantage of the Town to employ a man trained in the trades and in business practices to do much of the work now contracted for and to supervise that work which had to be let out to contract. The Superintendent could then devote much more of his time to the work for which he was specifically trained.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS.** While it is true that Parent-Teacher organizations in town are vigorous, flourishing associations, it is also true that too little is now being done to help the public to understand the nature of the educational program and its financing. While it is also true that education today is highly complex and has many ramifications, it is not so complex that the average parent and citizen of the Town cannot at least understand what we are trying to do and how we proceed in our endeavors. Nor is the financing of the educational program so highly involved that this problem cannot be understood by the average citizen. It is, however, essential that to understand the financing of the program the citizen must understand the needs of the educational program. It is the policy of this Committee and the Superintendent to make every effort to arouse the interest of the citizens and to convey to them as much information as possible. The primary source of such information may be obtained through the Parent-Teacher Associations, and in the past we have had excellent cooperation from the Reading Chronicle.

**PRUDENT FINANCING.** As in every school system today, Reading is faced with a serious problem which is only too well recognized by those associated with the schools. We must maintain our present standards in our classrooms; we must eliminate differences in the educational offerings, and we must be prepared to educate more children than we have previously. In the face of these demands, we are confronted by an economy of rising prices and the knowledge that taxes



imposed by State and Federal governments are increasing the burden on the same taxpayer from whom we derive our support. If the Reading Schools are to continue to provide education of high quality and meet the needs of our young people, and at the same time educate more children, it would seem obvious that the total cost of the educational program is going to rise. The only way in which these costs may be controlled under these conditions is through greater prudence in the expenditure of money. In view of the fact that School Committees of the past have exercised considerable prudence in this matter, it is apparent that it will be difficult to make any highly significant savings. The alternative method of meeting rising costs in the Reading Schools can only be through the elimination of services which School Committees of the past considered essential and which the Town has consistently supported through the appropriation of money.

### **Educational Legislation**

Education in the 48 states of the United States has always been conceived as a State function. Thus we have acts of the legislature establishing minimum salaries for teachers, compulsory attendance laws, and laws relative to the employment of minors which are imposed upon all communities in the state because the state's welfare is in large measure governed by the type of educational program which exists in all communities. Secondly, legislation by the State or by the Federal Government directly affects the schools in the Town of Reading, and with this in mind I review some recent legislation.

**STATE LEGISLATION.** The State Legislature passed two laws which are particularly significant as far as Reading is concerned. The first law relates to state support of education in various towns and cities, and the second relates to the financing of new school house construction.

For over 30 years Massachusetts has contributed from State income tax moneys toward the support of schools in the local communities, in Reading last year to the amount of something over \$18,000. Even with this support, poorer communities have found that in order to provide a minimum program of education, it has been necessary for them to raise their tax levies, in some cases to \$60.00 or more. The bill originally proposed would have relieved the local property tax payer. The bill which has been passed by the Legislature will cost the local property taxpayer in Reading more than has been spent in the past because income tax money paid by citizens of this town will be allocated to poorer communities in the State and because while the amount to be disbursed to Reading on account of schools has been increased from

\$18,000 to \$45,000, other income tax moneys usually returnable to the Town on account of equalized valuation have been proportionately reduced. The net effect to the local property taxpayer will be of no significance.

The other bill approved by the Legislature established a School Building Assistance Commission and a formula for disbursement of state moneys to towns which, since 1946, have constructed schools or will do so before 1951. Under the formula the Town of Reading apparently is entitled to approximately 33% of the total cost of the Summer Avenue building. The legislative Act, however, appropriated only \$25,000 for the organization and administration of the Commission and future legislators will be called upon to appropriate such money as is required under the terms of the Act. In the light of the experience of the bill mentioned above it is possible that legislatures will simply take income tax money normally distributed to towns on account of equalized valuation and earmark this money to support the School House Construction Bill. Even if this were the case, however, the Town of Reading would very much profit by such a move.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION.** For several years there has been concerted action to have the Congress in Washington approve a bill which would provide several hundreds of millions of dollars from Federal funds for the support of schools throughout the country. Such legislation, while desirable in the educational sense because it would help poor states to provide adequate education for their children who are also citizens of the United States, would draw money from Massachusetts in greater proportion than it would return it. The Town of Reading because of its relative wealth in the State and National picture, would provide more than it would receive.

In conclusion I would urge all citizens and particularly parents to know at first hand by visitation, by attendance at educational functions, and by participation in such fine Parent-Teacher studies as are being made at the Pearl Street School, the unusual work which so many of our teachers and supervisors are doing in training our boys and girls for the years ahead. I would further urge that our citizens learn of the unusual civic-mindedness of the Reading School Committee, which has devoted many hours every month to examination of the problems and merits of the Reading School System.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. LORD, JR., Supt. of Schools

### Explanation of Charts

The charts presented herewith are designed to show a trend so that we may have perspective over a 10-year period. All the charts are projected on the same scale and in all cases the year 1939 is taken to represent 100%

Increases in the general budget have occurred as the result of the following factors:

a. Increase in the cost of living.

b. Increase in staff membership as a result of increased pupil enrollment.

c. Increase in salaries.

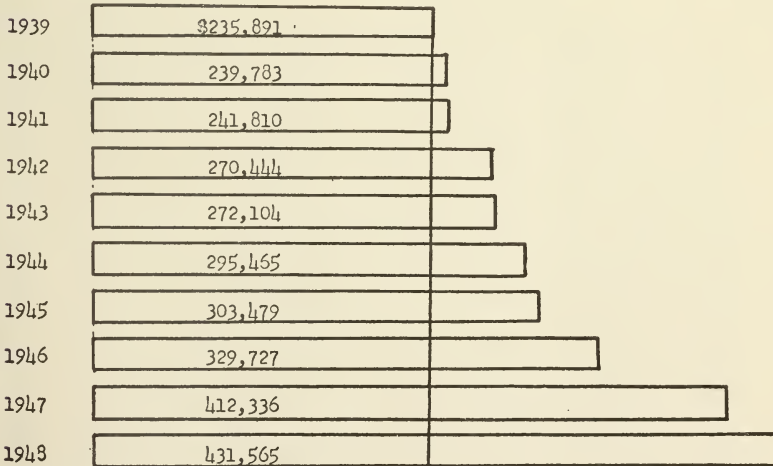
It has been necessary to increase salaries for the following reasons:

1. Teachers have been underpaid in the past.

2. The increasingly limited number of teachers available has increased competition for their services.

3. In 1946 the Town voted to establish "equal pay for equal work" and salaries of women teachers were increased in 1946 by \$26,521 and in 1947 by \$8,121 in compliance with the vote of the Town.

Gross Budget



### Salaries

1939	\$188,539	
1940	194,696	
1941	195,990	
1942	214,183	
1943	224,303	
1944	238,748.	
1945	248,188	
1946	278,107	
1947	326,951	
1948	355,255	

### Cost of Living

1939	100%	
1940	104%	
1941	107%	
1942	119%	
1943	122%	
1944	124%	
1945	126%	
1946	146%	
1947	155%	
1948	167%	

# Enrolment

1939	2255
1940	2282
1941	2216
1942	2175
1943	2155
1944	2189
1945	2189
1946	2233
1947	2296
1948	2411

# Total Staff

1939	114
1940	116
1941	119
1942	120
1943	118
1944	122
1945	124
1946	121
1947	124
1948	125



# READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1948

June 9, 1948

## P R O G R A M

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, Robert Holstrom Kroeck

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER—Rev. Myles J. McSwiney

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SALUTATORY

“Youth Organizations”

John Winship Lyons

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TORCH ORATION

Robert Holstrom Kroeck, Class President

ESSAY—“A Choice With A Future”

E. Margaret Blood, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—“Our Graduation Present”

Edward A. Ryan, Jr., Class Honors

THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER

William

GOD IS A SPIRIT

Scholin

A Cappella Choir

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ESSAY—"Streamlining Education"

Arthur Herbert Peterson, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"And That's How Ragtime Grew"

Pauline Marie Surette, Class Honors

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VALEDICTORY

"Our Payment On An Investment"

Carl Hill Stephan

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CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Alexander P. Glover, Chairman of School Board

AMERICA

Smith-Carey

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

BENEDICTION—Rev. Myles J. McSwiney

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

## CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Dorothy Marguerite Abbott	Audrey De Patie
Joseph Peter Aglio	James E. Desmond
George A. Anderson	Ruth Elinor Dodge
William E. Anderson	Lawrence J. Doucette
Shirley Marion Arnold	Paul E. Dube
Roy Joseph Arsenault	Philip S. Eisenhaure
Peter J. Attarian	William Enos
Paul Fyfe Babcock	George A. Flibotte
Dana Hamlin Barber, Jr.	James N. Flood
Karl F. Barrett	Kenneth Edwin Forsberg
Shirley Batchelder	Kenneth Clemons Foster, Jr.
Wendell D. Bates	Paul Vernon Fuller
Shirley Anne Beaumont	Audrey June Galley
Mary Ann Bella	Clifford J. Gibson, Jr.
Lois Edith Bennett	Barbara Lillian Gifford
Ruth E. Berry	Robert Edwin Gillies
E. Margaret Blood	Constance M. Gonzalo
Harold Gerald Bolton	Grace C. Gonzalo
Richard E. Brown	Lawrence Charles Grant
Barbara Ann Buck	Richard A. Grant
Robert P. Butler	Lorraine Eleanor Guile
Christina Carney	Richard Lincoln Gunn
Jean Carter	Ruth Elaine Hall
Nancy B. Chadwick	Richard Webster Ham
Lois M. Clarkson	Grace Catherine Hanley
Barbara Florence Coppinger	Elizabeth Harrison
Marilyn Irene Corke	Robert Alan Heffernan
Stanley E. Cullington	Richard Francis Holbrook
Robert Edward Dacey	John William Hovey
Mildred Louise Dalton	Joan Carolyn Iverson
Lloyd B. Dame, Jr.	Robert H. Johnston
Ann Drocey David	Emery O. Knight
Laurence Lyle DeLong	Robert Holmstrom Kroeck
Dorothy DeMar	Texas Lee
Judith A. De Matteo	Alan F. Lent

Shirley E. Lord  
Edgar Roger Louanis  
Joyce Elizabeth Loud  
Carol Joan Loughlin  
R. Philip Lyle, Jr.  
John Winship Lyons  
Marilyn Lois MacLeod  
Shirley Elizabeth MacMillan  
Shirley Magison  
June L. Maine  
Dorothy Maxwell  
Paul J. McDonald  
Jeanette M. McKenna  
Joan Mary McLaughlin  
Frederick J. McMahon, Jr.  
Richard W. McSheehy  
Robert S. McSheehy  
Alvin Arthur Meier  
Natalie O. Merrill  
Raymond J. Meuse  
Robert Edwin Moores  
Anniemay Margaret Mudie  
Virginia Elizabeth Murphy  
Roger F. Nelson  
Shirley Ellen Nelson  
Phyllis Frances Nicholson  
Eugene R. Nigro  
Neil F. O'Brien  
Philip H. O'Brien, Jr.  
Norma Oldfield  
I. John Palumbo  
Arthur Herbert Peterson  
Louise Christine Peterson  
Ralph Douglas Powell  
Karl J. Proctor  
John Morton Raymond  
Maurice O. Reebenacker, Jr.

Charles B. Reed  
W. Eleanor Richardson  
Elaine Thelma Roberts  
Jean Marjorie Rogers  
Jo Ann Rowell  
Edward A. Ryan, Jr.  
Nancy Sawin  
Barbara Ann Seifred  
Claire Evelyn Selfridge  
Emily Mildred Sheldon  
Barbara Sherrod  
Dorothy Rose Skelton  
Marion Ruth Skinner  
Nathan E. Smith  
Philip Warren Spencer  
George Thomas Standbridge, III  
Joan Patricia Steele  
Carl Hill Stephan  
Donald Chester Stevens  
William Stewart  
Mark Stone  
Dana H. Sullivan  
Pauline Marie Surette  
Helen Louise Tarr  
James W. Trainor  
Lorraine Turner  
Richard E. Van Horn  
John F. Walsh  
Richard F. Webb  
Glennalee Wedge  
Edward A. Welch  
Joyce Marie White  
Patricia Joyce Wilkie  
Frederick W. Williams  
David B. Young  
Domenick Zanni, Jr.

# Reading Public Library

## Report of Board of Trustees

In the three preceding annual reports the Board of Trustees has pointed strongly to the need for an addition to the Public Library building. Nothing has occurred in the past year to cause us to abandon that position and it is expected that the annual meeting in March will be asked to consider the matter of providing the proposed new wing.

The trustees are aware that building costs are high and that the future in the building trades is quite uncertain. Although our plans are complete on paper, it is not possible at this time to give too clear a picture of how much we would have to pay for the proposed stack room. Certainly it will be more than when the first set of specifications came out.

The town may see good reason for rejecting any building proposal during the coming year. The trustees are leaving the way open for acceptance, however, with the reminder that the plans await only the appropriation and the official authority for hiring a contractor.

The statistical report of the librarian will indicate the extent of service given by your Public Library. There has been a definite gain over last year in circulation. The use of the children's department has been greatly increased but the need for more room in the adult section is unquestioned. There have been fewer acquisitions during the year just past than in 1947 but since we have taken on no more storage space there is still a problem of what to do with books which, while used but little, are still standard reading material and must be kept on call.

It is not easy to carry on efficiently under such conditions, but the Trustees are satisfied that the Library staff has completed another year of excellent service to the people of Reading. May we, in view of past service and future plans, especially commend Miss Grace Abbott, the librarian, who manages an excellent daily routine in the running of the Library and also gives unfaltering leadership to develop a loyal and co-operative staff. We know that those who regularly use the Library will join the Trustees in this word of praise.

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

William S. Tonks, Chairman

C. Nelson Bishop

Katherine C. Pierce

Eve E. Henderson, Secretary

Sydney M. Hodson

Neil C. Henderson



REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Salaries, Appropriation — \$7800.00 transfer \$125.00 — \$7925.00.		
Librarian .....	\$	2,320.98
Assistants .....		4,573.19
Janitor .....		1,030.09
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		\$ 7,924.26
Maintenance, Appropriation — \$4425.00—transfer \$160.48 — \$4585.48		
Telephone .....	\$	54.55
Fuel, light, water, sewer .....		767.99
Printing and supplies .....		137.07
Books and periodicals .....		2,073.95
Binding .....		194.52
Maintenance and repairs .....		1,233.50
Miscellaneous .....		107.51
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		\$ 4,569.09
Balance unexpended and returned to revenue		
On salaries .....	\$	.74
On maintenance .....		16.39
Receipts		
Fines collected .....	\$	908.19
Fees from out-of-town borrowers .....		21.00
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		\$ 929.19

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT ON CIRCULATION FOR 1948

Volumes in Library, Dec. 31, 1947 .....		27,772
Volumes bought		
Adult fiction .....	249	
Adult non-fiction .....	218	
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Juvenile fiction .....	213	
Juvenile non-fiction .....	79	
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		292
Reference .....		3
Gifts .....		69
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		831
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	831	28,603

Withdrawn during year .....		413
		28,190
Circulation		
Fiction .....	48,161	
Non-fiction .....	15,144	
Periodicals .....	6,790	70,095
Juvenile		
Fiction .....	20,289	
Non-fiction .....	15,144	
Periodicals .....	516	
Schools .....	4,594	28,473
Total circulation in 1948 .....		98,568
Total circulation in 1947 .....		96,012
Gain in 1948 .....		2,556
NEW borrowers registered		
Adult .....	418	
Juvenile .....	247	
Total new borrowers .....		665
No. days Library open .....		289
Average daily circulation		
Adult .....		242.54
Juvenile .....		98.86
Borrowed from other libraries ....		32
Loaned to other libraries .....		26

MEMORIAL BOOKS have been presented to the Library during the year by relatives and friends of late Reading citizens in memory of:

John Arthur Rich

*Start 'em sailing*

Harrison Bowers

*Forty Years of Hunting*

Joseph Cummings

*Roses of the World in Color*

Charles A. Parks

*Our Flowering World*

Mrs. Arthur Libby

*Goodhousekeeping Needlecraft*

- Mrs. Susan Tuttle  
*The Berkshires*
- Donald Tuttle, Jr.  
*Books on Radio and Mathematics*
- Aram Dagdighian  
*The Reach of the Mind*  
*Report to Protestants*
- Arthur Peterson  
*American Birds in Color*  
*Readers Encyclopedia*  
*History of European Civilization*
- John Bunten  
*Wild Life the World Over*
- Mrs. Royal Jacques  
*Perennials Preferred*
- Mrs. Wendall Davis  
*Handbook of Old Pottery Marks*
- Gooch Sargent  
*Days Without Time*
- Lester Riley  
*Home Crafts Handbook*  
*Creative Lithography*  
*Art of Color and Design*  
*Pursuit of the Horizon*  
*Landscape Painting*
- Richard Austin  
*Maritime History of Maine*
- Mrs. George Clough  
*Fair Harvard (Photographs by Chamberlain)*
- Frederick L. Springford  
*The Inverted Mountains*  
*Canyons of the West*
- From Reading Woman's Club, Book Group  
*Across the Wide Missouri*  
*First Flowers of Our Wilderness*
- Also several books from the Reading Health Committee

## REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1948.

The Gypsy Moth situation has greatly improved in the past year. The regular yearly check on Gypsy Moth nest, shows a very marked decrease in the number of egg clusters throughout the town.

New legislation during the past year now places the control work for the Elm Leaf Beetle, Fall Web Worm, Japanese Beetle and a number of other pests under the Moth Department. This increased spraying on town property, will make it impossible for us to spray private property more than three times, during the season.

The appropriation for remodeling the Moth Department Garage, enabled us to install three new overhead doors, concrete the floor, sheet-rock the walls and ceiling, rebuild the chimney, install electricity, paint both the inside and the outside of the building.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted me in the past year.

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Moth Superintendent

**FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

**for the year ended**

**December 31, 1948**



## **MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

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Joseph H. Reed, Chairman  
Louis Ellenwood, Secretary  
Alfred H. Dolben

Term Expires 1950  
Term Expires 1949  
Term Expires 1951

### **Manager**

Clarence L. Thomas

### **Office**

25 Haven St., Reading, Mass.

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## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

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To the Municipal Light Board:

Gentlemen:

In this annual report in addition to a review of operations, other matters have been included, such as is believed will interest the Town's citizens and its Light Department customers.

Nineteen forty-eight was a year of all time highs in which our customers' use of electricity continued its strong upward trend. A series of new high loads occurred during the last quarter when both momentary and daily outputs exceeded liberal forecasts made earlier in the year.

The operating record however established many other unusual all-time highs, some of which adversely affected the overall results. Information concerning the results is explained in the following sectionalized text under appropriate headings for your convenient reference.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

**HIGHEST MOMENTARY DEMAND: 7000 KILOWATTS.** For those who may not know what a kilowatt is it may be helpful to explain that the highest momentary load which occurred on December 27th just before 6:00 P. M. was equal to the current of electricity that 7000 up-to-date electric irons, each rated at 1000 watts, would draw if all were plugged on at the same moment. The 21% increase over last year's peak load was four times greater than the average annual load addition over the past 25 years.

**ENERGY PURCHASED:** 20,515,349 Kilowatt-hours. Up 8.75% over the current purchased the previous year. Average unit cost was **1.429c.** The fuel adjustment charge, included in the stated unit cost, increased 37% last year, and 230% over the pre-war figure.

**ENERGY ABSORBED IN PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTION=8.0%;** favorably less percentage-wise than last year. Larger copper and capacitors installed a year ago helped to reduce unaccounted losses.

**CUSTOMERS: 8270.** We added **380** new connections many of them from newly constructed line extensions.

**PLANT EXPANSION: \$128,594.92.** Additions to plant last year cost an amount 52% more than the year's net income, and nearly four times more than the average annual addition to plant during the last twenty-five years. In the three calendar years since the end of the war in August 1945, close to one third of a million dollars has been spent on plant as the result of our customers' demand for electricity. From the list that follows one can learn the amounts expended on the various elements of the department's plant in 1948.

Transformer Station & Sub-Station Outside Equipment .....	\$ 2,284.88
Transformer Station & Sub-station Inside Equipment .....	41,747.60
Poles, Fixtures & Overhead Conductors .....	44,600.61
Underground Conduits .....	1,895.61
Underground Conductors .....	20,849.31
Consumers Meters .....	5,558.79
Consumers Meter-Installations .....	2,147.72
Line Transformers .....	8,363.92
Line Transformer Installations .....	252.50
Street Lighting Equipment .....	893.98
Total Additions .....	\$128,594.92

An approximately equal amount, or probably more will be spent this year to provide important additions.

**ENERGY SOLD: 18,774,600** Kilowatt-hours. Almost ten years ago nearly the same net operating income was realized from a sales volume of half the energy sold last year.

**OPERATING EXPENSES: \$538,151.17.** The ratio of total expenses, including fixed and other charges, to operating revenues increased from 88.6% in the preceding year to 91.3% in 1948. More was spent because of the larger volume of business, and also because of higher prices and wages.

**NET OPERATING INCOME: \$62,993.06.** Earnings from the sales of electricity (excluding income from the sale of merchandise, etc.) was 20% less than the \$79,161.54 obtained in the previous year.

**NET INCOME TRANSFERRED TO PROFIT AND LOSS: \$80,038.24.** The \$16,645.11 net profit from the sale of merchandise and \$1,878.25 income from minor miscellaneous non-operating income are included in the net income transferred to profit and loss. The latter account is shown separately near the end of this report. The net increase in the profit and loss account is \$14,505.34 as compared to \$47,184.43 in the preceding year.

**CASH BALANCE: \$27,875.49.** This amount has been brought forward into funds reserved for construction purposes. At the end of the preceding year nearly 250% more or \$95,709.71 was available for new construction.

**AMOUNT PAID TO THE TOWN TREASURY: \$54,000.** This transfer of cash was accomplished by unusual deferments of bills due for payment. In addition to the above cash payment, the town realizes a saving of approximately \$25,000 on electricity supplied at lower costs than what is charged in many other places, for street lighting and for other municipal purposes.

**DEPRECIATION: \$40,377.56.** Since 1935, 3% of the total cost of plant at the beginning of the year exclusive of land, has been charged to operations for depreciation in accordance with Chapter 164, Section 57 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. The flexibility of this law provides for a lower or higher percentage than specified, as may be approved by the Department of Public Utilities.

Present financing requirements may make it necessary to apply for the 4% depreciation rate we charged prior to 1935.

**RATES:** Average revenue per Kilowatt hour 3.141c, a decline of 1% less than 1947. **Higher costs with the continuation of payment of the large sums that have been asked for as "in lieu of" tax payments into the town treasury can only lead to upward revision of our traditionally low rates.** "In lieu of tax" payments have been nearly double the amount that would be asked of a private corporation or industry. The difference between an equitable amount and the sum being paid is virtually a dividend. That sum, and the large saving on the Town's bill for Municipal purposes other than street lighting, and on our present favorable low rate to customers cannot all be maintained under prevailing high cost conditions.

To finance new construction direly needed at the power station, at a special meeting held last September, the Town voted to authorize its Treasurer to borrow \$100,000, an amount exceeding any previous author-

ization for electric-plant expansion. Other large sums will be required during the next few years to handle the overwhelming electrical tasks our customers want done. As matters stand now either the payment of future plant expansion will be financed on borrowed funds or out of earnings obtained from higher rates.

#### Miscellaneous Statistics: Customers, Energy Sales, Revenues

A few facts follow showing the number of customers by classes, and the revenues resulting from their use of electricity.

	No. of Cust- omers	Kilowatt Hours Sold	Income
Residential .....	7540	12,207,228	\$423,994.39
Commercial Service .....	629	3,117,956	90,282.01
Power — Wholesale .....	8	1,839,090	27,798.89
Municipal Service .....	43	616,641	4,150.85
Municipal Service — Primary .....	5	69,100	8,147.71
To other Utilities for Resale .....	25	51,181	1,591.42
Private Street Lights .....	17	96	245.08
Public Street Lights .....	3	302,776	33,450.57
Total .....	8270	18,204,068	\$589,584.08

Residential use increased nearly 19% during the year as indicated by the average customer's monthly consumption of 137.5 Kilowatt hours.

The average revenue per residential Kilowatt hour sold was 3.47c a decrease of 2¼ % from that paid the year before.

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#### POWER STATION

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**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED:** An extension of the gallery, main and transfer buses, and three new feeder bays each complete with three 48KVA step-type voltage regulators, circuit breakers, a feeder and main bus disconnect switch, and various appurtenances including new switchboard control panels, were put into service for the outside towns late in October. Other new ebony asbestos panels were added for use in the near future. Lally columns to reinforce the floor under the gallery extension were erected in the basement.

Additional voltmeters were installed on the instrument panels to obtain more complete operating data.

Disconnect switches were installed in the power transformer pri-

mary cabinets and 350 MCM conductors replaced smaller copper from each disconnect switch to the reactors. At the same time current transformers of larger ratings mounted last year were put into service and then tested with their associated relays.

New 1500 MCM conductors and larger terminal connectors were installed in the power transformer secondary breaker trucks. To make this possible the 4000 volt current transformers were re-located in the basement.

A new motor-generator set was added for charging the control storage battery.

**MAINTENANCE:** Periodic relay and indicating instrument checks were made by the Boston Edison laboratory test men.

Feeder oil circuit breakers were serviced after operations resulting from outside troubles.

Feeder voltage regulators have been kept clean, greased, oiled and repaired when necessary.

Many improvements accomplished since the completion of the gallery work has resulted in an orderly and tidy appearance particularly in the basement.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS YEAR:** The fifteen feeder oil-circuit breakers presently in use on the original gallery will be replaced with urgently needed ones having several times greater interrupting capacity.

The two 15,000 volt power transformer switches will be rebuilt to have an interrupting capacity nearly twice their present rating.

Voltage regulators on feeders supplying Reading will be re-connected to carry higher loadings. Indicating instruments on these circuits will have newly calibrated scales.

Installation of a 350 MCM, 15 KV cable from the Stoneham-Reading Town Line via Main St., Avon St., and Ash St., terminating in our power station will be accomplished jointly with the Boston Edison Co., to provide a third supply line from their Woburn station.

We will also install two metal clad 15,000 volt cubicles containing 600 ampere oil circuit breakers with interrupting capacities of 250,000 KVA each. One cubicle will function as a tie switch to the high tension bus, the other as a switch for a third power transformer to be installed in the near future. These cubicles will connect with one to be installed by the Boston Edison Co., to control the new supply line mentioned above. The new cubicles will also be interconnected with the two present supply line cubicles through an overhead enclosed busway.

To finance the foregoing new projects the Town, at a special meeting held September 27th, 1948, authorized a \$100,000 bond issue.



## DISTRIBUTION

**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED:** Projects completed last year provided timely capacity. Larger copper was installed on the Wilmington Center main line between Perry's Corner and Shawsheen Avenue.

Three new underground cable 4000 volt 4 wire mains were installed underground preparatory to re-division of load areas in North Reading, Reading Highlands and a portion of the West Side.

A larger transformer was provided for the Wescroft section and an emergency tie arrangement for use in case of trouble.

Larger copper was run on the Lynnfield Center feeder along Charles Street.

Many smaller projects required the addition of 151 new poles, 34 transformers, 251,899 ft. of wire and 380 new services; of the new poles added 83 were set by the Telephone Company.

At various locations 180 KVA of pole type capacitors were installed.

**MAINTENANCE:** Average service voltage levels were maintained well above threshold values throughout peak load periods. 202 transformers have been tested on the systematic schedule started a year ago.

Line clearance from tree hazards required an expenditure of \$11,567.09 for trimming in North Reading, Wilmington and Lynnfield Center, including the State Highways.

Of the 347 pole renewals 39 were replaced by the Telephone Company.

In changing 66 transformers we added 207½ KVA of capacity, mostly as the outcome of indications obtained from the systematic test program.

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With sorrow we note the passing of Converse G. Parker, one of our linemen who was involved in an accident while at work in Lynnfield Center on June 25th.

James Keefe, also a lineman, suffered injuries from contact with a live wire, that compelled his retirement.

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**NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THIS YEAR:** The work of increasing copper sizes in main portions of most feeders supplying Reading will start this year to allow of a greater overall utilization of circuit capacity.

Emergency ties will be arranged for the underground transformers at High corner Green Sts., and at Woburn corner Sanborn Sts.

Improvement of standby facilities and more transformer capacity is planned for the Reading Square underground area.

A new joint pole line ownership agreement with the Telephone Company is being prepared. This will provide for improved stand-

ards of construction, and a division of the territory for pole maintenance purposes.

Another main conductor will be extended from West corner Woburn St., in Wilmington to allow of a load transfer from the Wilmington Center to the North Wilmington feeder.

Portions of the Reading West Side, north of Woburn St., will be transferred to one of the new underground mains on High St.

#### STREET LIGHT DATA

Additional public street lights installed	
Reading .....	8
Lynnfield .....	1
North Reading .....	8
Wilmington .....	20
Additional private street lights installed .....	
	2
Total public street lights in all towns .....	2,265
Total private street lights in all towns .....	17
Kilowatt hours used for Reading street lights .....	570,532
Appropriation from 1948 tax levy for street lighting \$16,500.00	

#### METER LABORATORY SUMMARY

Test work data	
Investigations .....	221
Laboratory meter tests .....	723
Tested on service location .....	127
Repairs .....	37
Recording voltmeter checks .....	211
Miscellaneous trouble jobs .....	157
Meter data	
Purchased .....	463
Installed outdoors .....	493
Total outdoor installations .....	4897
Scrapped .....	124

#### AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

The 1941 Studebaker pick-up truck has been replaced with a new Ford pick-up truck which was ordered in 1947.

The following cars and trucks are in bad condition and should be promptly replaced. Their continued use will incur costly repairs and impede operations.

	Mileage
1939 Dodge Truck No. 12 .....	150,850
1940 Chevrolet Truck No. 2 .....	130,028

1941 Ford Coupe No. 10 .....	88,771
1942 Plymouth Coupe No. 3 .....	89,393

A new 2 ton Ford chassis has been ordered for the new line construction body which was ordered in 1947.

We expect this unit to be delivered complete during January.

#### SUMMARY OF AUTOMOBILE EXPENSE 1948

Gasoline — 13,457 Gals. ....	\$ 2,004.61
Oil — 496 Qts. ....	94.77
Anti-Freeze — 70 Qts. ....	41.42
Material .....	1,837.93
Labor .....	3,039.25
Insurance .....	929.39
Depreciation .....	2,087.20
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	\$ 10,034.57
Miles Travelled .....	135,073
Cost per mile .....	.0743

#### APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

The Appliance Department has concluded another year of sales effort. The ratio of sales made in relation to the demand for appliances was very good, due to the ability of manufacturers to ship major appliances in quantity during 1948.

The sales of appliances showed a net profit of \$16,837.53.

Gross receipts from appliance sales were \$109,118.13, a decrease of 23% from 1947.

The number of kilowatt hours that will be used annually by the appliances sold in 1948 is estimated to be 532,168 and of this amount 226,800 are due to the sale of 63 water heaters in 1948.

#### APPRECIATION

The year 1948 in many respects was one of the most active experienced by the Department. Whatever achievements have been recorded reflect credit to the members of our Municipal Light Board for their competency and devotion to public service, and to the loyal cooperation of our employees who have made possible the successful operation of the Town's electric Plant.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Law, I submit herewith my estimate of the income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1949.

## ESTIMATE FOR YEAR 1949

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	Estimated 1949
<b>INCOME:</b>	
From Private Consumers .....	\$631,991.87
From Tax Levy:—	
For Street Lights .....	17,500.00
For Municipal Buildings .....	6,044.20
From Miscellaneous Income .....	1,350.00
Mdse. and Jobbing .....	10,798.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....	<b>\$667,684.07</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Production .....	\$332,937.56
Distribution .....	123,844.00
Utilization .....	15,846.00
Commercial .....	28,554.00
New Business .....	250.00
General and Miscellaneous .....	47,753.50
Depreciation .....	43,756.75
Bond and Note Payments .....	7,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	2,360.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenue .....	1,500.00
Merchandise and Jobbing Expense .....	—
Taxes — Outside Towns .....	10,000.00
Interest on Consumer's Deposits .....	900.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b> .....	<b>\$614,701.81</b>
Excess Income over Expenses .....	\$ 52,982.26
K.W.H. Purchased .....	22,644,900
K.W.H. Sold .....	20,833,313
K.W.H. for Reading Street Lights .....	572,355
Expense per K.W.H. Sold .....	2.95c
Cost of Street Lights .....	\$ 16,884.47
Appropriation for Street Lights .....	\$ 17,500.00

A summary of Income and Expense, Total Cost of Plant together with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, the Profit and Loss Account, list of bills remaining unpaid at the end of the year, and the auditor's certificate is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted

CLARENCE L. THOMAS, Manager

## **CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY**

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Accountants and Auditors  
150 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

January 31, 1949

To the Municipal Light Board  
Town of Reading  
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1948 and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1948 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

Charles E. Stanwood Company

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### **REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

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The report of the Manager as submitted by him together with certificate of the auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the town.

JOSEPH H. REED  
LOUIS ELLENWOOD  
ALFRED H. DOLBEN

Municipal Light Board



## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

for the year ending December 31, 1948

### REVENUES:

Residence Service .....	\$423,994.39
Commercial Service .....	90,282.01
Primary Power — Wholesale .....	27,798.89
Municipal Service .....	12,298.56
Sales to Private Companies and Municipal Plants .....	1,591.42
Street Lighting Service .....	33,618.81
Miscellaneous Income .....	18,259.90
Total Revenues .....	\$607,843.98

### EXPENSES:

Production Expenses .....	\$293,224.38
Distribution Expenses .....	97,163.89
Utilization Expenses .....	13,997.50
Commercial Expenses .....	27,416.54
New Business Expenses .....	241.07
General Expenses .....	40,965.89
Depreciation .....	40,377.56
Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	594.79
Taxes .....	8,690.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenues .....	595.86
Interest on Consumers' Deposits .....	536.96
Retirement Pensions .....	4,001.30
Total Expense .....	\$527,805.74
Excess of Revenues over Expenses .....	\$ 80,038.24
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	10,000.00
Transfer to Town Treasurer .....	54,000.00
Net Revenues .....	\$ 16,038.24

## TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1948

Cost of Land—Ash Street .....	\$ 2,575.80
25 Haven Street .....	7,459.46
Cost of Structures—Ash Street .....	66,224.79
25 Haven Street .....	28,093.90
Generator Plant—Steam .....	—

**Transmission, Distribution and Storage:**

Cost of Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equip. ....	208,237.01
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond. ....	634,977.74
Cost of Underground Conduits .....	124,440.78
Cost of Underground Conductors .....	132,830.80
Cost of Consumers' Meters .....	87,345.51
Cost of Meter Installations .....	31,495.39
Cost of Line Transformers .....	79,708.71
Cost of Line Transformer Installations .....	6,826.06

**Utilization Equipment:**

Cost of Street Lighting Equip. ....	58,377.65
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<b>TOTAL COST OF ELECTRIC PLANT .....</b>	<b>\$1,468,593.60</b>
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****as of December 31, 1948****FIXED ASSETS:**

Land .....	\$ 10,035.26
Structures .....	63,066.20
Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equip. ....	128,412.04
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond. ....	292,080.08
Underground Conduit .....	95,357.44
Underground Conductors .....	93,332.24
Consumers' Meters and Installations .....	55,783.28
Line Transformers and Installations .....	48,593.21
Street Lighting Equipment .....	11,261.69
General Equipment .....	19,042.69
Total Fixed Assets .....	\$816,964.13

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Construction Fund—Special .....	\$ 3,465.32
Construction Fund .....	17,528.05
Depreciation Fund .....	6,882.12
Consumers' Deposit Fund .....	23,648.00
Petty Cash .....	300.00
Accounts Receivable .....	64,175.37
Materials and Supplies .....	89,898.66
Total Current Assets .....	\$205,897.52

<b>PREPAID INSURANCE .....</b>	<b>\$ 962.99</b>
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<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$1,023,824.64</b>
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**LIABILITIES:**

Notes Payable .....	\$ 21,000.00
Bonds Payable .....	6,000.00
Accounts Payable .....	30,134.78
Consumers' Deposits .....	23,648.00
Town Treas. Petty Cash Fund .....	300.00
Interest Accrued .....	189.37
Loans Repayment .....	624,578.26
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$705,850.41</b>

**PROFIT AND LOSS:**

Balance December 31, 1948 .....	\$317,974.23
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$1,023,824.64</b>

Note: A contingent liability in the amount of \$8,713.72 existed at December 31, 1948 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the Middlesex County National Bank of Reading.

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****as of December 31, 1948**

Balance December 31, 1947 .....	\$303,468.89
Income—Balance from Operating Account .....	80,038.24
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b>\$383,507.13</b>
 Bonds and Notes Paid .....	 10,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town .....	54,000.00
Adjustment-Unfinished Construction Account .....	1,532.90
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>\$ 65,532.90</b>
 Balance December 31, 1948 .....	 \$317,974.23

**TOWN OF READING**  
**MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

**Accounts Payable**

**December 31, 1948**

Allis-Chalmers Co. ....	\$	47.95
Estate-Heatrola Corp. ....		.05
The Lowell Electric Light Corp. ....		.04
The Eastern Company .....		4.90
Grainger-Rush Company .....		370.00
Dyer Clark Company .....		51.60
Addressograph-Multi. Corp. ....		2.97
Boston Edison Company .....	29,958.37	
Credit Bureau of Boston .....		5.00
Billerica News .....		15.00
Paul W. Dayton .....		6.00
Francis Bros. ....		5.01
G. E. Supply Corp. ....		94.50
G. E. Appliances Inc. ....		187.63
Graybar Electric Co. ....		22.15
Johnson Farm Supply Co. ....		1.95
Landers, Frary & Clark Co. ....		7.34
L. E. Muran .....		24.55
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. ....		478.96
Reading Auto Parts .....		26.48
Reading Square Market .....		11.60
Simplex Wire & Cable .....		56.60
Fred F. Smith Inc. ....		43.04
Wagner Electric Corp. ....		14.43
Waverly Heating Supply Co. ....		3.49
Westinghouse Elec. Supply .....		9.68
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Total .....	\$	30,134.78

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

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The continual expansion of program and increased interest and participation has reached a point where the question might be asked as to, 'How did we ever get along without such a program?'

John B. Pacino, instructor at the Junior High School, was again our director and we were most fortunate in having so many of our experienced supervisors return. Therefore the activities not only began where they left off the year before, but also was greatly extended.

Keen competition is provided by many sports, but baseball continues to feature with three leagues operated for the different age groups. Softball for the younger boys was introduced this year, as was a girls softball team that won four and lost one against out of town competition.

Outdoor basketball has continued to grow, and a successful jam-boree at Washington St. Park concluded a fine season.

With limited facilities provided by the two wading pools, many youngsters are learning to swim, and activity here is continued after the regular program to insure a chance to cool off on very warm days.

Interest continues to grow in arts and crafts, and many wait the 'special' day at their park when Mrs. Gordon arrives to instruct in the making of many beautiful articles that can always be seen at the final day when they are on exhibition.

These activities are only a part of the daily program that also includes tennis, volley ball, horseshoes, and table games. A weekly newspaper helps to keep interest at a high pitch with its up to date reports on all contests and activities.

The program is rounded out by special events on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings which include movies, father and son outing, treasure hunts, pet show, dances, and two field days.

The members of the committee and playground staff are constantly on the watch for new activities that will interest and welcome suggestions at all times.

The committee wishes to thank the various town Boards, Organizations and individuals who helped to make the program such a success this year.

A longer and more detailed report is on file and may be obtained on request.

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman  
C. SUMNER TEEL  
HAROLD W. PUTNAM  
WM. E. BILLINGHAM  
CARL W. PINKHAM  
ROBERT E. TURNER  
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS



**NINETY-FOURTH REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**REPORTS OF THE FOREST WARDEN**  
**AND SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARMS**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Gentlemen:

The 1948 report of the Fire Department, Forest Warden and Superintendent of Fire Alarm is hereby submitted:

**Manual Force** The permanent force consists of thirteen men including the Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenant and Mechanic. The call force is twenty men. Also there are thirty members of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

**Apparatus** Chief's Car, a 65 ft. Jr. Aerial Ladder truck, five pumping engines, two trailer pumps and one hose trailer.

**Service Record** The department has responded to 100 bell alarms, 7 of which were false, 187 still alarms and 210 service calls. A total of 498. The fire loss for the year was \$100,587.23. Included in the total calls were 98 for grass, brush and dump fires, 34 of which were in the town dump on John Street. Eleven firemen and one civilian received minor injuries. Eighteen fires were investigated by inspectors from the State Fire Marshal's Office. Routine inspections of business property and nursing homes have been made as far as possible. 270 oil storage facilities have been inspected and permits issued, 137 oil burner installations have been inspected and 33 blasting permits have been issued.

**Presentations** The department has been very fortunate to have received the gift of an Emerson resuscitator in Memory of Lester D. Riley; A Scott Air-Pak from the Neighborhood Betterment Association; a smoke ejector from Frank J. Torre. These are all valuable additions to the equipment of the department and the thoughtfulness of the donors is appreciated.

**Fire Stations** At the Central Station the bathroom has been modernized and a kitchenette installed with asphalt tile floors. Much of this work has been done by the permanent men. The Engine 2 Station has had the second floor walls and ceiling painted and a new heating boiler has been installed with the men of the Auxiliary Force giving much assistance.

**Fire Alarm** The usual program of tree trimming and placing insulators in trees has been carried out with underground conduits laid in Lowell, Hanscom and Temple Streets, also Bancroft Avenue. A pedestal

has been set at Lowell and Hanscom. The two-way communication between the chief's car and police station continues to be a valuable asset and the extension from police to fire stations provides direct contact via radio with the chief's car at all times.

**Recommendations** That the permanent force be increased to provide better coverage of apparatus at all times and to allow the required inspections to be made. That the present Fire Alarm Truck, a 1936 Chevrolet be replaced.

That a Fire Alarm mutual aid connection be made with the Stoneham Fire Department.

**Conclusion** In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for their cooperation, the members of the department and the Auxiliary Fire Service for their efficient work, and other town departments and citizens who have cooperated with and assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES

Chief of the Fire Department,  
Forest Warden, and Superintendent of Fire Alarm

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## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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During the year the Board has considered several proposals for rezoning areas of the town. A public hearing was held on the application of a Pearl Street resident for the rezoning to business of a small residential area so that a Community Store might be established. After hearing arguments on both sides of the case the Board recommended that the proposed change not be made. The Town Meeting followed the recommendation of the Board and rejected the proposed change.

Members of the Board have attended numerous hearings held by the Board of Appeal for variations of the Zoning By-laws. The Board has opposed many of these proposals as it has felt they violated the letter and spirit of the Zoning By-laws. In a few instances the proposals have been recommended.

The Board has been interested in the location of state Route 128 as it affects Reading. This state highway will ultimately cross the town near its southern boundary. A hearing held by the Commissioner of Public Works at Boston relative to certain details of the location of this

highway was attended by a representative of this Board. A joint hearing with other interested Boards was held with our own Public Works Department relative to the crossing of certain streets and the closing of one of them.

Several hearings on street betterment have been attended by the Board. We have also made it a policy to attend all Board of Survey hearings.

One of the major projects for the year was the revision of the town map. This map had not been revised since August 1941 and several hundred new lot and house locations had to be added to the map. This was completed in December and reproduction have been made in small size for use of the citizens and in a larger size for use of the Board.

For some time the Planning Board has been interested in approving the appearance of our Common. The services of a leading landscape architect were secured and planting plans have been prepared. The application of these plans await a favorable opportunity to present to the Town. This Board feels that our Common and Municipal buildings, together with the Old South Church, is a valuable asset to the town. It believes that small annual appropriations for the improvement and maintenance of the Common will net a good return in the form of favorable opinion of our community by those who drive through or visit with us.

Mr. Pease and Mr. Wilson have served as the Board's representatives on the Capital Expenditure Planning Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. BERRY, Chairman  
CHARLES WILSON, Secretary  
WINTHROP D. PARKER  
GEORGE B. PEASE  
PHILLIP R. WHITE

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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This year we are dispensing with the elaborate reports of the past and are condensing our report.

The Ambulance responded to 232 calls during the year 1948. This was in excess of the 1947 requests. The Ambulance is a public necessity and is at the service of all citizens, provided a doctor calls requesting the service. A small fee is charged.

There was a slight decrease in arrests for 1948. This, no doubt, was caused by sending more violation slips to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. We were remarkably free from serious crimes due to the constant patrolling of the Town, night and day, by the cruisers.

There was a drop of 50 accidents over 1947. This was due to the continued reminders given the public from time to time. I am glad to state there were no fatal accidents in Reading throughout the year.

Reading, even with its lack of proper recreational places has no real juvenile problems. There has been some malicious mischief, such as bicycle taking, window breaking and the like. This has been taken care of by restitution and talks to the children and parents. Only six boys were taken to Court during 1948. This is a good record in comparison to other towns and cities.

No new men were added to the Department during 1948, but as our Town grows the Police Department must expand to meet the new problems that arise. Many problems that nobody else cares to handle are given to the Police Department, and this means extra work.

It has pleased the Board of Selectmen and myself to publicly commend (5) five men in the Department for outstanding work during 1948.

The Reading Police Reserves, a successor to the old Auxiliary Police, served faithfully throughout the year at different times. I feel they are a distinct asset to the Department.

In the years ahead to operate efficiently, we must renew our Game-well System which records and operates the boxes used by the Officers on foot. This system has been in the service since 1926. The two-way radio operating for (11) eleven years must be taken care of in the future. For this year I recommend a new cruiser.

It is a pleasure to thank all who have contributed to the success of the Department.

THOMAS E. WALL

Chief of Police

## REPORT OF WELFARE AGENT

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To the Board of Public Welfare:

I submit the following condensed factual report as Welfare Agent and Director of Old Age Assistance:

### General Aid

Total cases, 43 — including 121 persons.

Reading — settled cases, 28 — no reimbursement.

Settlements other towns, 3 — full reimbursement.

No legal settlement, 12 — full reimbursement from state.

### Aid to Dependent Children

Total cases, 22 — including 85 persons, of whom 54 were "eligible" children, that is, children where federal funds participate.

Number of applications, 7, all approved.

Cases closed, 4 — reason: resources, 1; remarriage, 2; employment, 1.

### Old Age Assistance

Total cases during year, 270.

Applications, 58. Disposition, 43 approved; 15 ineligible.

Cases closed, 57 — reason, death, 29; removal from town, 8; increase in personal resources, 15; placement in institutions, 4; full support taken over by relative, 1.

The Board of Public Welfare, including sessions of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance, has taken 513 recorded actions during the year, of which 45 were case reviews in Aid to Dependent Children, 303 reviews of a similar nature in Old Age Assistance, and 39 decisions in matters of policy.

Costs, as applying to local tax levy:

Expended, including administrative costs

General Aid .....	\$ 25,245.63
Aid to Dependent Children .....	24,466.68
Old Age Assistance .....	162,108.35

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Total expended .....	211,820.66
Welfare departmental receipts from all sources .....	148,068.95

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Net cost on local tax levy .....	\$ 63,751.71
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Respectfully submitted

EDWARD E. HARNDEN

Welfare Agent and Director of O.A.A.



**AGENT FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS**  
**AND**  
**DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

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January 3, 1949

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

As your Agent for Veterans' Benefits and Director of Veterans' Services, I submit my annual report for this department.

Due probably to good employment and Federal benefits, our case load for financial aid has run slightly below last year.

The work of Veterans' Services which consists of advice and reference, continues to keep its level of former years. The frequent changes in regulations and directives means a constant study to keep up to date on the many services and benefits to veterans and their dependents.

We have had the cooperation of the other departments of the town whenever we have had occasion to contact them, especially the Department of Public Welfare, we take pleasure in thanking them for their assistance.

We can make no predictions for the coming year, it all depends on conditions of employment and those of health and accident.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

Agent

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Reading:

I submit my report as Tree Warden for the year 1948.

It was necessary to remove forty-six trees from the roadside, of these eight were destroyed by gas, nine were ordered removed after hearings and twenty-nine were either dead or in a dangerous condition.

The dormant spraying for the control of Pear Psylla, Scale and Spruce Gall remains about the same each year.

Ninety-six trees were planted on the roadside.

The usual spring trimming of low branches was about double that of a normal year. The foliage was unusually heavy due to the extremely wet weather.

The spraying with 2, 4-D solution for the eradication of Poison Ivy was continued. This solution, which works slower than some other preparations, is the most satisfactory from a safety angle. It requires two or three sprayings to completely destroy this weed. Most of the roadside has been sprayed at least once.

During the past year most of the elms on the roadside and other town property were sprayed twice. We are now trimming these trees removing all the dead and dying branches. These are the best known methods to control the Dutch Elm Disease.

During late July and August the roadside trees and brush were sprayed again to control the Fall Web Worm.

I take this opportunity to thank the men of this department and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

Tree Warden

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading,

There were two hundred ninety-five cases of contagious diseases reported during the year 1948.

Chicken Pox .....	8
Dog Bites .....	60
Influenza Meningitis .....	1
Malaria .....	1
Mumps .....	44
Measles .....	174
Scarlet Fever .....	4
Tuberculosis .....	3

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M.D.

C. R. BAISLEY, M.D.

C. F. ATKINSON

## REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

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January 3, 1949

To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my report as Town Counsel for the year 1948 as follows:

Contract for the construction of the new Elementary School on Summer Avenue and Oak Street together with contract for the grading of the school grounds were prepared and executed during the year; tax titles have been foreclosed in the Land Court; assistance has been rendered the Wage and Hour Classification Committee on the By-Law, Schedule and Regulations, and various opinions rendered to officials and Departments of the Town.

Court actions, petition for assessment of damages for taking of land by right of eminent domain and Tax Appellate Board Appeals have been defended by me in Court. Several claims have been made for damages as the result of accidents on the highways and these claims have been investigated for the protection of the Town. There are still pending four cases in the Court.

As provided by the regulations of the Town I have performed every professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office including in part appearances in Court and hearings before Boards or Commissions, prosecution of claims in behalf of the Town, opinions to all Town Boards, investigation of claims against the Town, drafting release and redemption deeds, licenses for transportation of passengers for hire, amendments to traffic regulations, protest of advertising signs, discharge of Old Age Assistance bonds and mortgages, licenses, permits, by-laws, articles and motions for Town Meetings and such other legal documents and matters referred to me for attention.

Respectfully submitted

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Town Counsel

## REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

### FOR THE TOWN OF READING, 1948

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The Middlesex County Extension Service is a county organization maintained to serve the various towns of the county especially in the field of agriculture and home economics.

The agricultural work in the town this year was largely with the poultrymen. Many individual farm visits were made upon request to assist largely in flock management and disease control. Much of the organized project work was developed by the Eastern Middlesex County Poultry Association which includes Reading and surrounding towns.

Of interest to homemakers monthly service letters were sent into many homes upon request.

There were six boys and girls 4-H clubs carrying on projects in knitting, clothing, crafts, and agriculture. These clubs were under the leadership of Miss Lois Connor, who is also the Chairman of the Town Committee and President of the 4-H Leaders' Organization, Mrs. Walter Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowe, and Mrs. John O'Brien.

For the third year club members had an outing at Camp Middlesex. Several of the Reading girls participated in a style show before an audience of over 100 club members and leaders from surrounding towns. The Town Committee served the dinner at the annual meeting of the 4-H leaders. A County medal was awarded to Wendel Nelson in the National Livestock Contest. Jean Symons was awarded First in canning and Second on eggs at the County Fair. Kenneth Hickman and Ernest Durb represented the County in the State Poultry Judging Contest at the Boston Poultry Show. Ernest also represented the County in the Eastern States Poultry Judging Contest and at State Boys' Day at the University of Massachusetts. He also exhibited his birds at both Boston and Eastern States, winning two Firsts, a Second, two Thirds, and two Fifts. Others who did fine work were Donald Martin and Dulena Crowe.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1948 to January 1, 1949.

Fifty-one dogs were quarantined for inflicting personal injuries, and the same number released after the period of quarantine had expired. One rabbit was quarantined by inflicting a scratch wound. However, upon expiration of the quarantine, said rabbit was in perfect health.

One other dog which was to be quarantined, was quickly disposed of before the quarantine could be executed. If at any time a dog or cat bites or scratches an individual, **do not destroy the animal** in a moment of anger. Destruction at this time makes a laboratory examination of the animals brain, for the detection of Rabies, very inaccurate. Protect yourself as well as others. Wait until the animal has been examined, professional advice given, and quarantine expired.

Two other dogs were quarantined for 21 to 90 days for illegal entry into Massachusetts, in the absence of a health certificate. One dog has been released; the other still remains in quarantine.

The annual inspection of all livestock in the town, carried on through the authorization by the Division of Livestock Disease Control in Boston, showed an over all decrease over 1947. There are at present, 137 neat cattle, 106 swine, 40 sheep, 20 goats, and 35 horses.

No Contagious Infectious Diseases were noted, however, a great many barns could stand cleaning and renovating.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.

Inspector of Animals



## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Inspector of Wires is hereby submitted:

Permits have been issued and the electrical work performed on the following:

Additions to existing wiring ....	117	Laundry machines and dryer ..	2
Alterations to existing wiring ..	31	Motors .....	23
Barns wired .....	3	Offices .....	2
Corrections made to wiring ....	26	Oil burners (power) .....	149
Dishwashers .....	2	Ranges .....	79
Dwellings (new) .....	147	Repairs to old wiring .....	2
Dwellings (old rewired) .....	4	Repairs after fire damage .....	2
Freezing units .....	2	Services (replaced) .....	12
Garages .....	6	Services (temporary) .....	7
Garbage disposal units .....	1	Shops .....	4
Gasoline pumps .....	8	Signs .....	5
Greenhouses .....	1	Stokers .....	1
Gas heater controls .....	19	Unit Heaters .....	3
Heat regulators .....	5	Ventilating fans .....	1
Henhouses .....	2	Water heaters .....	20

Wiring installations of long standing were condemned in three residences and one store because of worn out and faulty wiring. Issued new regulations on power oil burner installations making it mandatory to install an emergency switch outside of the room containing the burner said switch to be plainly marked.

The electricians as a whole have been cooperative which is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE F. FOGG

Inspector of Wires

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1948

### Valuation of Taxable Property

Buildings, exclusive of land .....	\$16,407,205
Land, exclusive of buildings .....	3,780,140
Personal Estate .....	1,440,247

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Total Taxable Valuation .....	\$21,627,592
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Amount Appropriated for Town Purposes .....	\$1,669,950.97
Amount to be Paid for State and County Taxes .....	63,625.18
Amount of Overlay .....	24,504.31

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\$1,758,080.46

Less Estimated Receipts .....	\$423,669.92	
Excise Tax .....	16,950.00	
Over Estimated 1947 .....	4,796.92	
Available Funds .....	374,534.15	819,950.99

Net Amount to be raised on Polls and Property .....	\$938,129.47
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Tax Rate 1948 — \$43.00

Real Estate Tax .....	\$868,065.62
Personal Tax .....	61,933.09
Poll Tax .....	8,302.00
Excise .....	44,646.02
Moth .....	855.50
Curbing & Sidewalk .....	1,333.16
Sewer .....	686.15
House Connection .....	719.67
Highway .....	1,266.15
Water Liens .....	137.65

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\$987,945.01

HAROLD B. CURRELL  
RALPH T. HORN  
LEON G. BENT

Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1948

### Taxes and Assessments 1946

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Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 7,002.52	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	467.31	
Refunds .....	4.15	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 7,177.53
Abatements .....		73.49
Tax Takings .....		222.96
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		.00
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	\$ 7,473.98	\$ 7,473.98

### Taxes and Assessments 1947

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 49,043.04	
Committed 1948 .....	706.64	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	1,062.68	
Refunds .....	116.17	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 43,381.70
Abatements .....		610.52
Tax Takings .....		285.97
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		6,650.34
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	\$ 50,928.53	\$ 50,928.53

### Taxes and Assessments 1948

General Tax Warrant .....	\$987,945.01	
Interest and Costs Collected .....	573.67	
Refunds .....	4,484.88	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$919,990.42
Abatements .....		19,663.61
Tax Takings .....		503.28
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		52,846.25
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	\$993,003.56	\$993,003.56

### Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 1,353.95
Committed 1948 .....	13,484.42
Refunds .....	14.81

Interest and Costs Collected .....	156.63	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 13,810.78
Abatements .....		18.67
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		1,180.36
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	\$ 15,009.81	\$ 15,009.81

#### Highway Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 817.97	
Committed 1948 .....	15,803.81	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 87.69
Betterment Apportioned .....		730.28
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		15,803.81
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	\$ 16,621.78	\$ 16,621.78
Advance Payment Apportioned Highway .....	\$ 51.22	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 51.22
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	\$ 51.22	\$ 51.22

#### Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 2,784.78	
Committed 1948 .....	3,232.98	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 545.56
Betterment Apportioned .....		2,239.22
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		3,232.98
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	\$ 6,017.76	\$ 6,017.76
Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk .....	\$ 344.86	
Interest Collected .....	4.26	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 349.12
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	\$ 349.12	\$ 349.12

#### Sewer Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 1,851.27	
Committed 1948 .....	11,698.33	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 634.26
Betterment Apportioned .....		1,217.21
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		11,693.13
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	\$ 13,549.60	\$ 13,549.60
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer .....	\$ 201.14	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 201.14
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	\$ 201.14	\$ 201.14

### Sewer House Connection

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 2,603.70	
Committed 1948 .....	4,845.61	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 579.10
Abatements .....		49.94
Betterment Apportioned .....		1,974.66
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		4,845.61
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	\$ 7,449.31	\$ 7,449.31
Advance Payment Sewer House Connection .....	\$ 521.37	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 521.37
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	\$ 521.37	\$ 521.37

### Estate of Deceased Persons

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 312.65	
Committed 1948 .....	872.18	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 100.00
Abatements .....		55.80
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		1,029.03
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	\$ 1,184.83	\$ 1,184.83

### Moth Department

Committed 1948 .....	\$ 2,592.91	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 1,722.41
Abatements .....		15.00
Added to 1948 Real Estate Taxes .....		855.50
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	\$ 2,592.91	\$ 2,592.91

### Departmental Accounts

Tuition .....	\$ 23,040.21	
Sewer House Conn. Acct. ....	118.12	
Public Welfare .....	1,507.48	
Granolithic Construction .....	30.77	
Old Age Assistance .....	55,238.53	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	7,279.10	
Public Health .....	402.14	
Guarantee Deposit—Main Pipe Construction ....	325.00	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 87,941.35
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	\$ 87,941.35	\$ 87,941.35



### Water Rates and Miscellaneous

Uncollected December 31, 1947 .....	\$ 8,460.88	
Committed 1948 .....	78,532.98	
Refunds .....	186.67	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 74,870.10
Abatements .....		640.52
Water Liens added to taxes .....		137.65
Uncollected December 31, 1948 .....		11,532.26
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	\$ 87,180.53	\$ 87,180.53

### Abatements

Cancellation of Abatements .....	\$ 279.80	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 279.80
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	\$ 279.80	\$ 279.80

### Certificates

Certificates of Municipal Liens .....	\$ 217.06	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 217.06
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	\$ 217.06	\$ 217.06

### Recapitulation of Receipts

Taxes and Assessments .....	\$970,549.65	
Sewer Rentals .....	13,810.78	
Betterments .....	2,969.46	
Estate of Deceased Persons .....	100.00	
Departmental Accounts .....	89,663.76	
Water Rates and Miscellaneous .....	74,870.10	
Cancellation of Abatements .....	279.80	
Certificates of Municipal Liens .....	217.06	
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts .....		\$1,152,460.61
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	\$1,152,460.61	\$1,152,460.61

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Collector of Taxes

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### For the Year Ended December 31, 1948

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1948 .....	\$ 460,562.43
Receipts .....	3,378,607.09
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	\$3,839,169.52
Disbursements .....	3,117,138.75
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Balance December 31, 1948 .....	\$ 722,030.77

#### Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1948 .....	\$117,000.00	
Bonds and Notes issued in 1948 .....	600,000.00	\$ 717,000.00
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Bonds and Notes paid in 1948 .....	24,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1948 .....	693,000.00	\$ 717,000.00
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#### Temporary Loans

Outstanding January 1, 1948 .....	None	
Notes issued in 1948 .....	\$250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
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Notes paid in 1948 .....	\$250,000.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1948 .....	None	\$ 250,000.00
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A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the trust funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Treasurer



# **Annual Report**

**of the**

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

### **Receipts and Expenditures**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1948**

## RECEIPTS 1948

### General Revenue

#### Taxes

##### Current Year:

Poll .....	\$ 7,451.00	
Personal .....	53,161.77	
Real Estate .....	811,999.34	\$872,612.11

##### Previous Years:

Poll .....	38.00	
Personal .....	3,761.55	
Real Estate .....	43,342.36	

Tax Title Redemptions .....	227.06	\$ 47,368.97
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##### From State:

Corporation Tax, Proportion .....		\$ 63,485.08
Income Tax, Proportion .....		
On Education .....	18,603.85	
On Valuation .....	60,811.60	\$ 79,415.45

Estate of Deceased Persons .....		\$ 100.00
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#### Licenses

##### Board of Selectmen:

Amusement .....	149.00	
Auctioneer .....	18.00	
Bowling .....	5.00	
Inn Holder .....	1.00	
Junk .....	20.00	
Lord's Day .....	140.00	
Peddler .....	1.00	
Second Hand Articles .....	10.00	
Second Hand Auto .....	130.00	
Taxicab .....	16.00	
Theater .....	5.00	
Trucking .....	12.00	
Victualer .....	140.00	\$ 647.00

##### Board of Health:

Frozen Dessert .....	\$ 10.00	
Pasteurization .....	10.00	
Physiotherapist .....	2.00	
Undertaker .....	5.00	\$ 27.00

##### Town Clerk:

Dog .....	\$ 192.80	
Fishing and Hunting .....	96.50	\$ 289.30



## Permits

Marriage .....	\$	296.00	
Plumbing .....		325.75	
Revolver .....		54.50	\$ 676.25

## Fines and Forfeits

Court Fines .....			\$ 105.00
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## Grants and Gifts

### Federal Grants:

For Old Age Assistance .....	\$	66,142.51	
For Aid to Dependent Children .....		6,007.92	

### From the State:

Vocational Education .....		774.21	
Meals Tax .....		4,267.17	

### From the County:

On Dog Licenses .....		1,751.73	\$ 78,943.54
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## Special Assessments

Moth and Tree .....	\$	919.10	
Sewer .....		1,428.26	
Sewer House Connection .....		1,829.00	
Sidewalk and Curbing .....		1,976.56	
Highway .....		1,277.32	\$ 7,430.24

## Privileges

Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$	43,963.34	
Peddlers Licenses from State .....		48.00	\$ 44,011.34

## Departmental — General Government

### Selectmen:

Advertising Hearings .....	\$	26.50	
Sale of Books .....		353.80	
Sale of Equipment .....		12.00	
Treasurer, Duplicate Deeds .....		3.00	
Collector's Charges and Fees .....		920.31	
Town Clerk .....		1,134.08	
Board of Appeal, Hearings .....		45.00	\$ 2,494.69

## Protection of Persons and Property

### Police Department:

Sale of Materials and Equipment .....	\$	107.02	
Damage Losses .....		25.00	
Bicycle Registration .....		94.75	
Ambulance Fees .....		962.00	

Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	49.35		
Inspector of Buildings .....	953.00		
Moth and Tree .....	1,722.41	\$	3,913.53
Health and Sanitation			
Tuberculosis, State Subsidy .....	\$ 402.14		
Inspector of Milk and Food .....	22.50		
Dog Clinic .....	188.00		
Sewer Rentals .....	13,654.15	\$	14,266.79
Highways			
State and County, Joint Maint. Chapt. 90 .....	\$ 1,000.00		
State and County, Joint Const., Chapt. 90 .....	13,794.42		
Sidewalks and Curbing .....	30.77		
Snow and Ice Removal, State .....	1,361.50		
Road Machinery Rentals .....	21,082.80		
Sale of Junk .....	12.00	\$	37,281.49
Charities			
Reimbursement for Relief:			
From Individuals .....	\$ 423.52		
From Cities and Towns .....	1,094.51		
Reimbursement for A.D.C.:			
From the State .....	7,279.10		
Reimbursement for O.A.A.:			
From Cities and Towns .....	1,997.23		
From the State .....	65,264.16		
Sale of Car .....	450.00	\$	76,508.52
Veterans' Benefits			
From the State .....		\$	3,662.03
Schools			
Tuition, State Wards .....	822.47		
Other Tuition .....	21,443.53		
Sale of Textbooks and Supplies .....	221.52		
Cafeterias .....	37,004.81		
W.F.A. Reimbursements (Milk Fund) .....	9,461.92	\$	68,954.25
Library			
Fines .....	\$ 929.19		
F.W.A. Plans for Addition .....	1,400.00	\$	2,329.19

## Unclassified

Sale of Real Estate .....	\$	975.00	
Mun. Light Dept. to Town .....		54,000.00	
Fire and Damage Settlements .....		202.36	
Reimbursements for Insurance:			
From Light Dept. ....		1,898.40	
From Water Dept. ....		1,257.30	
From Sewer Dept. ....		890.51	\$ 59,223.57

## Public Service Enterprises

### Light Department:

Sale of Light and Power .....	\$587,648.51	
Mdse. and Jobbing .....	137,060.78	
Miscellaneous (Refunds) .....	2,597.59	\$727,306.88

### Water Department:

Sale of Water .....	\$ 64,963.45	
Service, Repairs, etc. ....	9,906.65	
Liens added to Taxes .....	96.40	
Sale of Materials .....	15.00	\$ 74,981.50

## Cemeteries

Sale of Lots and Graves .....	\$	2,992.50	
Care of Lots and Graves .....		5,394.29	
Care of Endowed Lots (Int. on Funds) .....		2,888.17	
Soldiers' Graves .....		302.00	\$ 11,576.96

## Interest

On Sewer Rentals .....	\$	45.68	
On Deferred Taxes .....		1,476.99	
On Special Assessments .....		569.37	
On Investment Funds .....		2,657.31	
On Public Trust Funds:			
Hospital Funds .....		5,090.00	
Scholarship Fund .....		100.00	
Cemetery Fund .....		1,815.28	
On Motor Vehicle Excise .....		34.37	
On Tax Title Redemptions .....		68.00	\$ 11,857.00

## Municipal Indebtedness

Anticipation of Revenue Loan .....	\$250,000.00	
New Elementary School Loan .....	500,000.00	
Water Construction Loans .....	40,000.00	
Sewer Construction Loan .....	60,000.00	
Premiums .....	4,518.25	\$854,518.25

# Agency, Trust and Investment

Sporting Licenses for State .....	\$	740.75	
Dog Licenses for County .....		2,167.20	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....		22,210.00	
Withholding Taxes, Federal .....		71,806.18	
Mass. Hospital Service .....		7,683.70	
Sewer House Conn. Guarantee Deposits .....		465.00	
Recording Fees .....		20.74	
Tailings .....		288.03	
Investment Fund Transactions .....		127,000.11	\$232,381.71

# Refunds

Fishing and Hunting Licenses .....	\$	224.00	
Welfare General Aid .....		90.40	
Aid to Dependent Children .....		3.00	
Old Age Assistance .....		697.85	
Insurance .....		14.76	
School Cafeterias .....		11.70	
Land Court Expense .....		5.95	
School General Maintenance .....		185.85	
Veterans' Aid .....		80.00	
Public Works Dept.—Highway .....		14.90	
Public Works Dept.—Parks .....		8.98	
Road Machinery—Gas Tax .....		470.58	
Moth and Tree .....		6.00	
Municipal Light Dept. ....		172.42	
Water Dept. ....		12.78	
Accrued Interest .....		162.50	
All Other .....		77.78	\$ 2,239.45

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\$3,378,607.09

# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1947	Appropriated 1948	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Bal. Dec. 31
<b>General Government</b>							
Selectmen's Expenses .....		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 987.73		\$ 12.27
Selectmen's Clerical .....		2,055.00		2,055.00	2,055.00		
Town Accountant's Salary .....		3,450.00		3,450.00	3,450.00		
Town Accountant's Clerical .....		504.00		504.00	504.00		
Town Accountant's Expenses .....		600.00		600.00	599.01		.99
Treasurer's Salary .....		1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00		
Treasurer's Clerical .....		565.00		565.00	565.00		
Treasurer's Expenses .....		900.00	250.00	1,150.00	1,132.11		17.89
Collector's Salary .....		3,278.75		3,278.75	3,278.75		
Collector's Clerical .....		3,200.00	200.00	3,400.00	3,400.00		
Collector's Expenses .....		1,900.00		1,900.00	1,896.04		3.96
Assessors' Salaries .....		3,187.50		3,187.50	3,187.50		
Assessors' Clerical .....		3,830.00		3,830.00	3,830.00		
Assessors' Expenses .....		2,850.00		2,850.00	2,783.82		66.18
Town Counsel's Salary .....		1,756.25		1,756.25	1,756.25		
Town Counsel's Expenses .....		800.00		800.00	793.13		6.87
Town Clerk's Salary .....		1,290.00		1,290.00	1,290.00		
Town Clerk's Clerical .....		1,750.00	230.00	1,980.00	1,979.77		.23
Town Clerk's Expenses .....		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,792.91		207.09
Registrars' Salaries .....		450.00		450.00	450.00		
Registrars' Expenses .....		1,364.00		1,364.00	1,303.17		60.83
Election and Registration Exp. ....		5,000.00	15.00	5,015.00	4,186.23		828.77
Planning Board Expenses .....		500.00		500.00	475.61		24.39
Board of Appeal Expense .....		75.00	50.00	125.00	108.50		16.50
Finance Committee, Clerical .....		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Finance Committee, Expense .....		250.00		250.00	98.56		151.44
Municipal Building Maintenance .....		2,000.00	1,440.00	3,440.00	3,127.09		312.91
Janitor's Services, Mun. Bldg. ....		1,590.00		1,590.00	1,590.00		
	\$ 48,020.50		\$ 2,185.00	\$ 50,205.50	\$ 48,495.18		\$ 1,710.32



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<b>Protection of Person and Property</b>							
Police Dept. Salaries .....		\$ 51,856.67		\$ 51,856.67	\$ 51,855.79		.88
Police Dept. Pensions .....		4,483.16	40.00	4,523.16	4,512.24		10.92
Police Dept. Maintenance .....		7,600.00	1,093.84	8,693.84	8,693.65		.19
Police Station Maintenance .....		2,615.00	100.00	2,715.00	2,714.37		.63
Fire Dept. Salaries .....		38,500.00		38,500.00	38,446.87		53.13
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries .....		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,841.05		158.95
Fire Dept. Pensions .....		3,850.00	60.00	3,910.00	3,902.92		7.08
Fire Dept. Maintenance .....		4,025.00	1,425.00	5,450.00	5,441.09		8.91
Fire Stations Maintenance .....		3,995.00	1,230.00	5,135.00	5,133.62		1.38
Fire Alarm Maintenance .....		2,400.00		2,400.00	2,383.53		11.47
Fire Alarm Extension .....		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,015.97		484.03
Hydrant Rentals .....		500.00		500.00	500.00		
Moth & Tree Depts., Salaries & Wages .....		14,993.64		14,993.64	14,915.12		78.52
Moth & Tree Depts. Maintenance .....		4,392.50	6.00	4,398.50	4,396.28		2.22
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....		1,000.00	650.00	1,650.00	1,625.00		25.00
Inspector of Buildings Expenses .....		100.00		100.00	72.83		27.17
Inspector of Wires Salary .....		210.00		210.00	210.00		
Inspector of Wires Expenses .....		100.00		100.00	45.18		54.82
Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary .....		551.00		551.00	551.00		
Sealer of Weights & Measures Exp. .....		250.00		250.00	233.50		16.50
Game Warden's Salary .....		105.00		105.00	105.00		
Dog Officer's Salary .....		330.00		330.00	330.00		
Dog Officer's Expenses .....		300.00		300.00	297.60		2.40
Traffic Control, Pearl St. ....		650.00		650.00	619.50		30.50
	\$148,216.97		\$ 4,604.84	\$152,821.81	\$151,847.11		\$ 974.70

## Health and Sanitation

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	
Board of Health Expenses .....	350.00	350.00	281.40	68.60
Health Officer's Salary .....	487.50	487.50	487.50	
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	550.00	550.00	550.00	
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	220.00	220.00	165.00	55.00
Inspector Milk & Food Salary .....	220.00	220.00	220.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,098.12	2,901.88
Garbage Collection .....	6,500.00	6,500.00	5,019.09	1,000.00
Dental Clinic .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,499.17	480.91
Child Welfare .....	400.00	400.00	400.00	.83
	\$ 15,542.50	\$ 15,542.50	\$ 11,035.28	\$ 3,507.22

## Charities and Aid

Public Welfare Adm. Salaries .....	\$ 4,350.00	4,350.00	4,289.60	60.40
Public Welfare Exp. ....	660.00	660.00	576.01	83.99
Public Welfare General Aid .....	21,090.00	21,090.40	20,380.02	550.38
Aid to Dep. Children Adm. ....	1,760.00	1,760.00	1,741.66	18.34
Aid to Dep. Children .....	20,710.00	20,713.00	16,545.18	4,167.82
A.D.C. Adm. Federal Grants .....	171.92	767.64	939.56	
A.D.C. Federal Grants .....		5,240.28	5,240.28	
Old Age Assistance Adm. ....	5,970.00	250.00	6,215.07	4.93
Old Age Assistance .....	102,650.00	697.85	89,750.77	9,597.08
O.A.A. Adm. Federal Grants .....		3,574.98	3,574.98	
O.A.A. Aid Federal Grants .....		62,567.53	62,567.53	
\$ 171.92	\$157,100.00	\$ 73,191.68	\$211,820.66	\$ 14,482.94

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<b>Veterans Benefits</b>							
Salaries .....		\$ 1,161.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 1,176.75	\$ 1,176.75		
Office Expenses .....		575.00		575.00	462.88		112.12
Aid .....		8,264.00	80.00	8,344.00	7,562.45		781.55
		<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 95.75</u>	<u>\$ 10,095.75</u>	<u>\$ 9,202.08</u>		<u>\$ 893.67</u>
<b>Education</b>							
School Dept. Salaries .....		\$358,439.10	\$ 7.00	\$358,446.10	\$353,326.93		\$ 5,119.17
School Dept. Maintenance .....		61,000.00	185.85	61,185.85	60,446.43		739.42
School Dept. Transportation .....		13,500.00		13,500.00	12,846.75		653.25
School Cafeterias .....		50,000.00	9,473.62	59,473.62	45,965.25		13,508.37
School Dept. Industrial Tuition .....	13.83	3,000.00	269.90	3,269.90	3,269.90		
School Dept. New High School Plans .....				13.83			13.83
School Dept. F.W.A. School Plans .....	3,000.00			3,000.00	123.62		2,876.38
School Dept. Land Purchase, Oak St. ....	589.50			589.50			589.50
School Dept. Safety Equipment .....	2,894.41			2,894.41	1,711.55		1,182.86
School Dept. Retirement for Teachers .....		120.00		120.00	120.00		
Elementary School Plans .....	276.38			276.38	276.38		
Land Purchase Birch Meadow .....	9,808.20			9,808.20	153.00		9,655.20
	<u>\$ 16,582.32</u>	<u>\$486,059.10</u>	<u>\$ 9,936.37</u>	<u>\$512,577.79</u>	<u>\$478,239.81</u>		<u>\$ 34,337.98</u>
Public Library Salaries .....		\$ 7,800.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 7,924.26		.74
Public Library Maintenance .....		4,425.00	160.48	4,585.48	4,569.09		16.39
Public Library Plans F.W.A. ....	\$ 1,400.00		1,400.00	2,800.00	2,800.00		
	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,225.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,685.48</u>	<u>\$ 15,310.48</u>	<u>\$ 15,293.35</u>		<u>\$ 17.13</u>

# Public Works

Public Works Adm. Salaries .....	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 6,336.72	\$ 13.28
Public Works Expenses .....	875.00	875.00	870.67	4.33
Highway Dept. Salaries .....	40,600.00	40,600.00	40,481.47	118.53
Highway Dept. Expenses .....	29,250.00	29,250.00	29,232.44	32.46
Chap. 90 Const. Lowell St. 1947 .....	\$ 14,783.41	14.90	14,537.81	245.60
Chap. 90 Const. Lowell St. 1948 .....	5,000.00	15,000.00	3,721.09	16,278.91
Chap. 90 Maintenance .....	16,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Street Lighting .....		16,500.00	16,500.00	
Mineral St. Bridge Plan .....	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Wescroft Rd. Betterment .....	2,275.42	2,275.42	1,755.53	519.89
Springvale Rd. Betterment .....	350.91	350.91	350.91	
Harvard St. Betterment .....	351.20	351.20		351.20
George St. Betterment Sal. ....	1,350.00	1,350.00		1,350.00
George St. Betterment Exp. ....	1,869.00	1,869.00		1,869.00
Curtis St. Betterment Sal. ....	2,650.00	2,650.00		2,650.00
Curtis St. Betterment Exp. ....	3,666.00	3,666.00		3,666.00
Barrows Rd. Betterment Sal. ....	950.00	950.00	684.35	265.65
Barrow Rd. Betterment Exp. ....	1,143.00	1,143.00	1,123.75	19.25
John Carver Rd. Betterment Sal. ....	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,213.76	36.24
John Carver Rd. Expenses .....	2,748.00	2,748.00	2,731.48	16.52
Nichols Rd. Betterment Sal. ....	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Nichols Rd. Betterment Exp. ....	2,877.00	2,877.00	2,519.45	357.55
Pine Ridge Rd. Betterment Sal. ....	800.00	800.00	796.59	3.41
Pine Ridge Rd. Expenses .....	970.00	970.00	884.29	85.71
Oak Ridge Rd. Betterment Sal. ....	400.00	400.00		400.00
Oak Ridge Rd. Betterment Exp. ....	507.00	507.00	126.16	380.84
Street Widening Washington St. Sal.	2,100.00	2,100.00		2,100.00
Street Widening Washington St. Exp.	1,900.00	1,900.00		1,900.00
Drainage System Installation .....	1,050.50	1,050.50		1,050.50

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Maintenance of Storm Drains Sal. ....		3,300.00		3,300.00	3,294.65		5.35
Maintenance of Storm Drains Exp. ....		2,800.00		2,800.00	2,799.52		.48
Drainage Construction Sal. ....		8,150.00		8,150.00	6,149.32		2,000.68
Drainage Construction Exp. ....		5,200.00		5,200.00	5,199.30		.70
Drinking Fountains .....		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Sidewalk Construction Sal. ....		9,700.00		9,700.00	9,693.08		6.92
Sidewalk Construction Exp. ....		3,100.00		3,100.00	3,099.10		.90
Snow and Ice Removal Sal. ....		25,000.00		25,000.00	23,861.70		1,138.30
Snow and Ice Removal Exp. ....		20,000.00	3,200.00	23,200.00	23,076.60		123.40
Snow and Ice Removal Sal. 1947 .....	1,307.91			1,307.91	1,307.91		
Snow and Ice Removal Exp. 1947 .....	554.91			554.91	554.91		
Snow & Ice Removal Sal. Emergency			3,815.82	3,815.82	3,815.82		
Snow & Ice Removal Exp. Emergency			5,076.93	5,076.93	5,076.93		
Sewer Dept. Sal. ....		8,200.00		8,200.00	8,194.72		5.28
Sewer Dept. Exp. ....		9,400.00		9,400.00	9,296.53		103.47
Sewer Dept. House Conn. Sal. ....		8,100.00		8,100.00	7,396.29		703.71
Sewer Dept. House Conn. Exp. ....		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,484.48		15.52
John Street Dump Wages .....		2,700.00	600.00	3,300.00	3,292.69		7.31
John Street Dump Expenses .....		200.00		200.00	196.80		3.20
Park Dept. Sal. & Wages .....		6,800.00		6,800.00	6,800.00		
Park Dept. Expenses .....		2,750.00	8.98	2,758.98	2,716.05		42.93
Recreation Committee .....		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,498.54		1.46
Water Dept. Maint. Sal. ....		33,000.00		33,000.00	32,964.24		35.76
Water Dept. Exp. ....		37,000.00	6,512.78	43,512.78	43,443.46		69.32
Water Dept. Garage .....	24,178.89			24,178.89			24,178.89
Post War Plans Public Works .....	675.30			675.30			675.30
Plan. Garage Ext. F.W.A. Plans .....	300.00			300.00			300.00



Road Machinery Fund .....	20,250.62		21,553.38	41,804.00	23,500.00	18,304.00
Road Machinery Account .....	182.18	13,600.00	23,500.00	37,282.18	36,741.46	540.72
\$ 76,046.25	\$ 323,720.00	\$ 80,782.79	\$ 480,549.04	\$ 374,820.57	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 82,228.47

### Unclassified

Insurance .....		16,000.00	\$ 4,060.97	\$ 20,060.97	\$ 19,608.56	\$ 452.41
Rent American Legion Quarters .....		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Rent V.F.W. Quarters .....		650.00		650.00	650.00	
Memorial Day Observance .....		1,150.00		1,150.00	1,016.65	133.35
Contributory Retirement Fund .....		22,569.00		22,569.00	22,569.00	
Land Court Expense .....		275.00		275.00	60.34	214.66
Post War Planning Committee .....	495.00			495.00		495.00
Printing Town By-laws .....	500.00			500.00	465.00	35.00
Publication Street List .....		1,150.00		1,150.00	920.86	229.14
Capital Exp. Planning Committee ...	151.80	500.00		651.80	175.24	476.56
Parking Area Maint. ....	63.69	450.00	15.00	528.69	522.00	6.69
Aid to Agriculture .....		100.00		100.00	93.05	1.95
Wage & Sal. Class. Committee .....	250.00		42.25	292.25	158.50	133.75
Care and Lighting Old So. Clock .....		150.00	11.00	161.00	160.18	.82
Dog Pound .....	16.48			16.48	16.48	
Damage Claims .....		300.00		300.00		300.00
Reserve Fund .....			15,000.00	15,000.00	11,296.74	3,703.26
Publication Town Report .....		1,850.00		1,850.00	1,557.50	292.50
Committee for Town Manager .....		100.00		100.00		100.00
Remodelling Bldg. for Moth Dept. ....		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,496.27	3.73
\$ 1,476.97	\$ 49,244.00	\$ 19,129.22	\$ 69,850.19	\$ 51,974.63	\$ 11,296.74	\$ 6,578.82

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<b>Light and Cemeteries</b>							
Municipal Light Dept. Maint. ....	28,611.80		\$727,479.30	\$756,091.10	\$694,720.17	\$ 40,377.56	\$ 20,993.37
Municipal Light Dept. Depr. ....	67,097.91		40,377.56	107,475.47	100,593.35		6,882.12
	<u>\$ 95,709.71</u>		<u>\$767,856.86</u>	<u>\$863,566.57</u>	<u>\$795,313.52</u>	<u>\$ 40,377.56</u>	<u>\$ 27,875.49</u>
Cemeteries Salaries .....		\$ 12,200.00	\$ 3,790.17	\$ 15,990.17	\$ 15,933.78	\$	\$ 56.39
Cemeteries Expenses .....		5,000.00	1,500.00	6,500.00	6,091.96		408.04
Care of Soldiers' Graves .....		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
		<u>\$ 18,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,290.17</u>	<u>\$ 23,490.17</u>	<u>\$ 23,025.74</u>		<u>\$ 464.43</u>
<b>Municipal Indebtedness</b>							
Int., not incl. Water, Light & Sewer		\$ 2,680.00		\$ 2,680.00	\$ 1,643.54		\$ 1,036.46
Mat. Debt, not incl. Water & Light ...		14,000.00		14,000.00	14,000.00		
		<u>\$ 16,680.00</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,680.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,643.54</u>		<u>\$ 1,036.46</u>
Loans in Anticipation of Revenue ...							
<b>Other Expenditures</b>							
Refunds, Taxes, Assts. etc. ....			4,974.64	4,974.64	4,974.64		164.60
Recreation Committee Petty Cash ...			15.00	15.00	15.00		10.50
Dog License Fees for County .....	\$ 43.00		2,167.20	2,210.20	2,045.60		1,997.34
Fish. & Hunt. Lic. Fees, Town Clerk	10.00		964.75	974.75	964.25		525.00
Parker Hospital Fund .....	4,893.33		3,054.80	7,948.13	5,950.79		1,086.25
Grouard Hospital Fund .....	475.00		2,040.00	2,515.00	1,990.00		612.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care Beq. ....	260.00		5,210.00	5,470.00	4,383.75		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Int. ....	612.50		1,815.28	2,427.78	1,815.28		
Cemetery Dept. Transactions .....			17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00		

R.H.S. Scholarship Fund .....	350.00	350.00	350.00	3,369.24
Post War Rehabilitation .....	4,114.31	5,703.94	2,334.70	
Post War Rehabilitation Tr. ....	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	3,225.94
Premiums on Loans .....	4,518.25	4,518.25	1,292.31	611.90
Tailings Account .....	288.03	1,046.62	434.72	6,017.25
Withholding Tax .....	71,806.18	78,313.73	72,296.48	638.80
Blue Cross .....	7,683.70	8,339.45	7,700.65	92.00
Sewer H.C. Guarantee Deposits .....	140.00	149.57	9.57	48.00
Recording Fees Deposits .....	20.74	22.99	20.74	2.25
Salvage Committee .....	139.63	6,717.30	173.50	6,543.80
State Parks & Reservations .....	1,056.20	1,056.20	1,056.20	
Auditing Municipal Accts. ....	3,236.49	3,236.49	2,930.99	305.50
Auditing Retirement System .....	70.11	70.11	70.11	
Metropolitan Sewer Asst. ....	21,639.66	21,639.66	21,639.66	
County Tax .....	33,303.61	33,303.61	33,303.61	
Middlesex County T.B. Hospital .....	6,383.97	6,383.97	6,383.97	
Unpaid Bill, Welfare Dept. ....	160.00	160.00	160.00	
New Station Wagon Welfare Dept. ....	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,375.30	474.70
	<u>\$ 22,394.84</u>	<u>\$342,397.39</u>	<u>\$316,671.82</u>	<u>\$ 25,675.32</u>

### Non-Revenue Accounts

New Elementary School				
Sewer Const. 1947 .....	5,000.00	\$790,101.66	\$281,685.17	\$508,416.49
Water Const. Sal. 1947 .....		60,000.00	47,845.63	17,154.37
Water Const. Sal. 1947 .....		6,000.00	6,000.00	
Water Const. Exp. 1947 .....		9,000.00	9,000.00	
Water Const. Sal. 1948 .....		10,000.00	4,817.49	5,182.51
Water Const. Exp. 1948 .....		15,000.00	14,407.17	592.83
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$895,101.66</u>	<u>\$363,755.46</u>	<u>\$531,346.20</u>
	<u>\$218,782.01</u>	<u>\$1,285,008.07</u>	<u>\$2,424,862.37</u>	<u>\$3,928,652.45</u>
			<u>\$3,117,138.75</u>	<u>\$ 80,384.55</u>
				<u>\$731,129.15</u>

# CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT

Due	SEWER		DRAINAGE		SCHOOLS		LIGHT		WATER		MUN. RELIEF		TOTAL	
	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.
1949	\$10,000.00	\$ 890.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$100.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,875.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 710.00	\$2,000.00	\$30.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 13,090.00
1950	8,000.00	720.00	4,000.00	60.00	30,000.00	10,287.50	4,000.00	345.00	5,000.00	620.00			51,000.00	12,032.50
1951	8,000.00	600.00	4,000.00	20.00	30,000.00	9,700.00	4,000.00	245.00	5,000.00	530.00			51,000.00	11,095.00
1952	8,000.00	480.00			30,000.00	9,112.50	2,000.00	180.00	5,000.00	440.00			45,000.00	10,212.50
1953	8,000.00	360.00			30,000.00	8,525.00	2,000.00	150.00	5,000.00	350.00			45,000.00	9,385.00
1954	4,000.00	270.00			30,000.00	7,937.50	2,000.00	120.00	3,000.00	267.50			39,000.00	8,595.00
1955	4,000.00	210.00			30,000.00	7,350.00	2,000.00	90.00	3,000.00	212.50			39,000.00	7,862.50
1956	4,000.00	150.00			30,000.00	6,762.50	1,000.00	60.00	3,000.00	157.50			38,000.00	7,130.00
1957	4,000.00	90.00			30,000.00	6,175.00	1,000.00	45.00	3,000.00	102.50			38,000.00	6,412.50
1958	4,000.00	30.00			30,000.00	5,587.50	1,000.00	30.00	3,000.00	47.50			38,000.00	5,695.00
1959					25,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	15.00					26,000.00	5,015.00
1960					25,000.00	4,500.00							25,000.00	4,500.00
1961					25,000.00	4,000.00							25,000.00	4,000.00
1962					25,000.00	3,500.00							25,000.00	3,500.00
1963					25,000.00	3,000.00							25,000.00	3,000.00
1964					25,000.00	2,500.00							25,000.00	2,500.00
1965					25,000.00	2,000.00							25,000.00	2,000.00
1966					25,000.00	1,500.00							25,000.00	1,500.00
1967					25,000.00	1,000.00							25,000.00	1,000.00
1968					25,000.00	500.00							25,000.00	500.00
Total	\$62,000.00	\$ 3 800.00	\$12,000.00	\$180.00	\$550,000.00	\$109,812.50	\$27,000.00	\$1,765.00	\$40,000.00	\$3,437.50	\$2,000.00	\$30.00	\$693,000.00	\$119,025.00

## TOWN OF READING

## BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1948

## ASSETS

Cash:	
General .....	
Petty Advances:	
Library .....	\$ 15.00
Light .....	300.00
Schools .....	123.00
Water .....	100.00
Welfare .....	50.00
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## Accounts Receivable:

## Taxes:

## Levy of 1947:

Poll .....	42.00
Personal Property .....	168.36
Real Estate .....	6,272.89
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## Levy of 1948:

Poll .....	86.00
Personal Property .....	5,557.66
Real Estate .....	45,670.61
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## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Pay Roll Deductions:		
Withholding Tax .....	\$ 6,017.25	
Mass. Hospital Service .....	638.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,656.05
Tailings .....		611.90
Fish. & Hunting Licenses due State		10.50
Dog Licenses due County .....		164.60
Premium on Loans .....		3,225.94
Over-estimates:		
Audit Municipal Accts. 1948 .....	305.50	
County T.B. Hospital .....	37.90	
	<hr/>	343.40
Cem. Sale of Lots and Graves Fund		12,269.02
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances ...		588.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Parker Hospital Fund .....	1,997.34	
Grouard Hospital Fund .....	525.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	1,698.75	
Post War Rehabilitation .....	3,369.24	
	<hr/>	7,590.33
Guarantee Deposits:		
Sewer House Connection .....	92.00	
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51,314.27



# BALANCE SHEET — (Continued)

## ASSETS

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:  
 Levy of 1947 .....  
 Levy of 1948 .....

39.49  
 1,134.09

## Special Assessments:

Moth 1947 .....  
 Moth 1948 .....

9.00  
 40.00

Sewer Unapportioned .....  
 Sewer 1947 .....  
 Sewer 1948 .....  
 Sewer Interest 1947 .....  
 Sewer Interest 1948 .....

11,698.13  
 5.95  
 48.12  
 1.59  
 14.79

Sewer House Conn Unapportioned .....  
 Sewer House Connection 1948 .....  
 Sewer House Conn. Int. 1948 .....

4,845.61  
 29.48  
 6.92

Sidewalk Unapportioned .....  
 Sidewalk 1948 .....  
 Sidewalk Interest 1948 .....

3,232.98  
 48.72  
 8.64

Highway Unapportioned .....

15,803.81

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Water Main Pipe Connection .....  
 Municipal Light Customers Dep. ....

325.00  
 23,648.00

Salvage Committee Fund .....  
 Appropriation Balances Forwarded  
 Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus ...

24,065.00  
 6,543.80  
 121,331.30  
 23,678.17

49.00

## Overlay Reserved For Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1947 .....  
 Levy of 1948 .....

6,483.25  
 7,337.58

13,820.83

## Revenue Reserved until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .....  
 Special Assessments .....  
 Departmental .....  
 Taxes on Est. of Deceased Persons  
 Tax Titles .....  
 Tax Possessions .....  
 State and County Aid to Hwys. ....  
 Water Rates and Liens .....  
 Mun. Light Dept. Accounts Rec. ...

1,173.58  
 37,249.13  
 22,361.21  
 1,029.03  
 1,534.20  
 2,546.49  
 16,000.00  
 11,569.51  
 64,175.37

3,290.34

Water Available Surplus .....

157,638.52  
 5,158.39

Highway 1947 .....	92.18	Surplus Revenue .....	176,230.25
Highway 1948 .....	143.34		
Highway Interest 1947 .....	18.88		
Highway Interest 1948 .....	20.63		
Sewer Rentals .....		16,078.84	
Departmental:		1,180.36	
Health .....	596.00		
Sewer House Connections .....	32.48		
Public Welfare .....	4,235.27		
A.D.C. due from State .....	3,069.30		
O.A.A. due from State .....	4,990.72		
O.A.A. — Other .....	306.38		
School .....	8,959.59		
Public Works .....	146.47		
Veterans Aid .....	25.00		
		22,361.21	
Taxes on Est. of Deceased Persons ...		1,029.03	
Tax Titles .....		1,534.20	
Tax Possessions .....		2,546.49	
Aid to Highways, Chapt. 90:			
State .....	10,500.00		
County .....	5,500.00		
		16,000.00	
Water:			
Rates .....	11,532.26		
Liens added to Taxes 1948 .....	37.25		
		11,569.51	

## BALANCE SHEET — (Continued)

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

## ASSETS

Light:		
Rates, etc. ....	64,175.37	
Customers Deposits .....	23,648.00	
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	87,823.37	
Underestimates:		
State Parks and Reservations 1948	154.94	
Metropolitan Sewer 1948 .....	2,281.00	
County Tax 1948 .....	2,133.45	
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	4,569.39	
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	559,926.00	559,926.00
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NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS		
Cash .....	406,346.20	17,154.37
Post War Rehab. Fund. Authorized		508,416.49
for School Construction .....		5,775.34
Loans Authorized .....	125,000.00	105,000.00
	105,000.00	
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	636,346.20	636,346.20
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DEFERRED ACCOUNTS		
Apportioned Sewer Assts. not due ...	2,376.69	2,376.69
Appor. Sewer H.C. Assts. not due ...	2,068.12	2,068.12
Appor. Sidewalk Assts. not due ...	4,125.69	4,125.69
Appor. Highway Assts. not due .....	3,244.20	3,244.20
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	11,814.70	11,814.70

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:			
Inside Debt Limit .....	560,000.00	Sewer Construction .....	1947
Outside Debt Limit .....	133,000.00	Elementary School Const. ....	1948
		Outside Debt Limit:	
		Sewer Construction .....	1920
		Drainage Construction .....	1941
		Elementary School Const. ....	1938
		Mun. Light Dept. Const. ....	1931
		Mun. Light Dept. Const. ....	1939
		Mun. Light Dpt. Storm Emer.	1939
		Water Construction .....	1947
		Water Construction .....	1948
		Municipal Relief .....	1939
	<hr/> 693,000.00		
			<hr/> 133,000.00
			<hr/> 693,000.00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities .....	530,251.44	Parker Hospital Fund .....	
		Grouard Hospital Fund .....	
		R.H.S. Scholarship Fund .....	
		Public Library Fund .....	
		Wadlin Library Fund .....	
		Tuttle Library Fund .....	
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	
	<hr/> 530,251.44		
			<hr/> 192,056.61
			81,625.79
			5,112.45
			1,109.04
			1,821.13
			517.75
			128,369.24
			119,639.43
			<hr/> 530,251.44

## CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Cash .....	3,485.03	Annuity Savings Fund .....	92,991.25
Investments .....	160,587.20	Annuity Reserve Fund .....	7,888.52
Accrued Interest .....	847.93	Military Service Fund .....	2,736.19
		Pension Fund .....	61,147.20
		Expense Fund .....	157.00
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	164,920.16		164,920.16



## REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total membership of the Contributory Retirement System on December 31, 1947 was 172. During the year 1948, 17 new members were admitted to the system, 12 withdrew, 2 retired and 2 members deceased, making a total of 173 active members.

At the Special Town Meeting held on September 27, 1948, it was voted to accept Chapter 588 of the Acts of 1948 which provides for an increase of \$200.00 maximum to certain former town employees who retired prior to January 1, 1946. The Retirement Board voted to have this increase take effect October 1, 1948 for those on Contributory Retirement Pension.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1948.

### 1948 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT

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#### Cash

Balance Jan. 1, 1948 ..... \$ 604.65

#### Receipts

##### 1948 Receipts:

Investments .....	\$ 2,000.00
Investment Income .....	3,138.75
Contributed by Members .....	20,164.37

##### Appropriated by Town:

Pension Fund .....	21,569.00
Expense Fund .....	1,000.00

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\$ 47,872.12

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\$ 48,476.77

#### Expenditures

##### 1948 Payments:

Investments .....	\$ 18,880.00
Expenses .....	1,029.13

Annuities .....	756.11	
Pensions .....	20,704.84	
Refunds to members .....	3,621.66	
		\$44,991.74
Balance Dec. 31, 1948 .....		3,485.03
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		\$ 48,476.77

#### Assets

Cash, In Bank .....	\$ 3,485.03	
Deposits on Interest .....	15,500.00	
Cooperative Bank Shares .....	25,087.20	
Investments, U. S. Savings Bonds, Series "G" .....	120,000.00	
Accrued Interest on Investments .....	847.93	
		<hr/>
		\$164,920.16

#### Liabilities

Annuity Savings Fund .....	\$ 92,991.25	
Annuity Reserve Fund .....	7,888.52	
Pension Fund .....	61,147.20	
Expense Fund .....	157.00	
Spec. Military Fund .....	2,736.19	
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		\$164,920.16

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman  
 BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary  
 THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

Contributory Retirement Board



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